

(8) Request for information on national legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic

Decision: BC-11/10: National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic

Background:

At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision BC-11/10 that builds on decision BC-10/13 on national legislation, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic and also relates to the implementation of section E on combating illegal traffic more effectively and section F on assisting developing countries that are facing specific challenges with regard to prohibiting the import of hazardous wastes of decision BC-10/3 on the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention.

Requests:

- Parties are encouraged to continue to provide the Secretariat with the texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by them to implement and enforce the Convention; (request a)
- Parties are invited to share information, through the Secretariat, on the activities undertaken pursuant to paragraph 8 of decision BC-11/10, namely: (request b)
 - To improve cooperation and coordination among entities working at the national level to prevent and combat illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes, including through the development of cooperative agreements between those entities;
 - To train enforcement personnel so as to build their capacity to better prevent, identify and manage cases of illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes and to provide appropriate incentives and remove possible disincentives for enforcement entities to prevent and combat illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes;
 - To promote and participate actively in activities undertaken by enforcement organizations and networks such as the World Customs Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization, the Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes, the transfrontier shipments of waste cluster of the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law, the Regional Enforcement Network Project to Combat Illegal Trade in Harmful Chemicals and Hazardous Waste in Asia, the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement and the Green Customs Initiative;
 - To raise the awareness of all relevant stakeholders, including those in the shipping industry, and waste generators and disposers about illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes and about applicable national legal frameworks.
- Parties are invited to share information, through the Secretariat, on best practices in preventing and combating illegal traffic and to report confirmed cases of illegal traffic to the Secretariat using the prescribed form for confirmed cases of illegal traffic; (request c)
- Parties that have not yet provided the Secretariat with any of the information on national definitions, including national lists, of hazardous wastes required under Article 3 and paragraph 2 (b) of Article 13 of the Convention as well as any of the information on import or export restrictions or prohibitions required under paragraphs 1 (a) and (b) of Article 4 and paragraphs 2 (c) and (d) of Article 13 of the Convention are requested to do so as soon as possible and to report any subsequent significant change in that information using the standardized reporting format. (request d)

Respondents:

- Parties

Method of submission:

- For request c (Confirmed cases of illegal traffic), please use the form for confirmed cases of illegal traffic, which is available on the Conventions' website of the at:
<http://www.basel.int/Procedures/ReportingonIllegalTraffic/tabid/1544/Default.aspx>;
- For request d (Information on national definitions, import or export restrictions or prohibitions), please use:
 - the standardized reporting format for national definitions of hazardous wastes, available at:
<http://www.basel.int/Procedures/NationalDefinitions/tabid/1321/Default.aspx>;
 - the standardized reporting format for import or export restrictions or prohibitions, available at:
<http://www.basel.int/Procedures/ImportExportProhibitions/tabid/2751/Default.aspx>;
- For requests a – d (Other information), please transmit any other information requested to the Secretariat via the contact points provided below.

Deadlines for submissions:

- None specified in the decision.

Contact points:

- For information pertaining to illegal traffic:
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