

(7) Request for comments on the legal analysis of the application of the Basel Convention to hazardous wastes and other wastes generated on board ships

Reference: OEWG-8/9: Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization

Background:

In its decision BC-10/16, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention requested the Secretariat to undertake several activities pertaining to the issue of wastes generated on board ships and the relationship between the Basel Convention and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997 (MARPOL). The information on cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization is contained in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/13.

The Open-ended Working Group at its eighth meeting took note of the current version of the legal analysis of the application of the Basel Convention to hazardous wastes and other wastes generated on board ships set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/18.

Requests:

- Parties and others are invited to further review the legal analysis of the application of the Basel Convention to hazardous wastes and other wastes generated on board ships contained in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/18 and send comments to the Secretariat by 1 December 2012.
- Parties are reminded about the invitations contained in decision BC-10/16 with respect to assessing how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines cover wastes covered by the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997, or to provide funds to enable the Secretariat to undertake such an assessment, in close consultation with the International Maritime Organization, as well as with respect to the development of a guidance manual, in cooperation with the International Maritime Organization, on how to improve the sea-land interface to ensure that wastes falling within the scope of the International Convention, once offloaded from a ship, are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

Method of submission:

- Document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/18 is available on the Basel Convention's website under OEWG-8 section (www.basel.int). Decision OEWG-8/9: Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization will also be made available there.
- Please submit the comments on the legal analysis to the Secretariat by e-mail (juliette.kohler@unep.org) or by Fax (+41 22 917 8098).

Deadline for submission:

- **1 December 2012**

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