

**Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Act  
(CHAPTER 122A)**

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**HAZARDOUS WASTE (CONTROL OF  
EXPORT, IMPORT AND TRANSIT) ACT**

**(CHAPTER 122A)**

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An Act to provide for the regulation of the export, import and transit of hazardous and other wastes, and for related purposes.

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**PART I**

**PRELIMINARY**

## Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Act.

## Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Antarctica” means the area south of 60° South Latitude, including all ice shelves in that area;

“Article 11 arrangement” has the meaning given to it by section 7;

“authorised officer” means a person appointed under section 16 as an authorised officer;

“Basel Convention” means the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and any amendment or protocol thereto which has come into force and has been accepted by the Government, a copy of the English text of which is set out in the Schedule;

“Basel export permit” means a permit given in accordance with the Basel Convention permitting the export of hazardous or other waste;

“Basel import permit” means a permit given in accordance with the Basel Convention permitting the import of hazardous or other waste;

“Basel permit” means a Basel export permit, a Basel import permit or a Basel transit permit;

“Basel transit permit” means a permit given in accordance with the Basel Convention permitting the carrying out of one or more transit proposals relating to hazardous or other waste;

“competent authority”, in relation to a foreign country, means —

- (a) if the country is a party to the Basel Convention — the competent authority of the country within the meaning of the Basel Convention; and
- (b) otherwise — a person or an organisation that officially represents the country;

“deal with”, in relation to hazardous or other waste, includes dispose of;

“Director” means the Director of Hazardous Waste appointed under section 15 and includes the Deputy Director and Assistant Directors of Hazardous Waste;