

### HOW TO PROSECUTE ILLEGAL WASTE SHIPMENTS:

#### **The Basel Convention**



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### **Overview of the Basel Convention**

- Adopted on 22 March 1989
- Entered into force on 5 May 1992
- 179 Parties



BASEL CONVENTION

## Objective is to protect human health and the environment by:

- **Minimizing** generation of hazardous wastes
- Treating and disposing hazardous wastes and other wastes as close as possible to their source of generation in an environmentally sound manner (ESM)
- Reducing transboundary movements (TBM) of hazardous wastes and other wastes to a minimum consistent with their environmentally sound management and controlling such movements

# Cornerstones of the TBM control procedure:

- 1. Right to restrict/prohibit TBM
- 2. Conditions on TBM
- 3. Prior Informed Consent (PIC)
- 4. Environmentally Sound Management (ESM)
- 5. Illegal traffic and 'take-back' obligation

General rights and obligations of Parties of relevance to the control of TBM (Article 4 of the Convention):

Obligation to take appropriate **legal**, **administrative and other measures** to implement and enforce the requirements of the Convention, including measures to prevent and punish conduct in contravention to the Convention

### **Overview of the Basel Convention**

- Right of Parties to restrict/prohibit the import of hazardous or other wastes for disposal
- Obligation to inform other Parties of their decision to restrict/prohibit import of hazardous or other wastes
- Obligation by other Parties to respect such restrictions/prohibitions
- List of the restrictions/prohibitions imposed under national law in individual Parties: <u>http://www.basel.int/Countries/ImportExportRestrictions/tabid/14</u> <u>81/Default.aspx</u>

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