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To: Chemical industry, Traders, Logistic companies

Dear Sir / Mdm

## **PROHIBITION TO THE IMPORT OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND OTHER WASTES INTO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND VIETNAM**

Under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, Parties are required to inform each other, through the Basel Secretariat, of the wastes that are considered as hazardous under its national legislation, in addition to those already defined as hazardous under the Basel Convention. Parties shall also regard such wastes as hazardous wastes in the context of transboundary movements with other Parties. Parties are also required to inform each other, through the Basel Secretariat, of any prohibition it imposes against the import of hazardous wastes.

2 In this regard, please note the following communications that have been received from the People's Republic of China and Vietnam:

### A. Communication received from the People's Republic of China

(i) The People's Republic of China had informed the Parties to the Basel Convention of its prohibition on the import of hazardous waste and other waste into The People's Republic of China for final disposal. The full communication can be obtained from the following website of the Basel Convention: <http://www.basel.int/natdef/41e-china.pdf>

(ii) Please note that waste categories listed under "Catalogue of Solid Wastes Forbidden to Import in China" in the communication are prohibited from import into China.

(iii) In addition, The People's Republic of China had informed the Parties to the Basel Convention of the additional categories of waste which are controlled as hazardous waste, other than those defined under the Basel Convention. The full communication can be obtained from the following website of the Basel Convention: <http://www.basel.int/natdef/03e-china-notif.pdf>. Please note that this communication is currently only available in Mandarin. The English version is being prepared and will be made available at the following website once ready: <http://www.basel.int/natdef/frsetmain.php>

B. Communication received from Vietnam

(i) Vietnam had informed the Parties to the Basel Convention of its prohibition on the import of wastes into Vietnam, including hazardous waste. The full communication can be obtained from the following website of the Basel Convention: <http://www.basel.int/natdef/41e-VietNam.pdf>

(ii) However, Vietnam permits the import of specific categories of scrap materials as secondary production materials, subject to requirements stated under the Vietnam Law. Please refer to the full communication for further details.

3 We would like to remind you that under the Hazardous Waste (Control of Import, Export and Transit) Act, a Basel permit is required for the import or export of hazardous wastes controlled under the Basel Convention. In addition, no hazardous wastes shall be permitted to be exported to Parties that had informed the other Parties, through the Basel Secretariat, of the prohibition they have imposed against the import of the hazardous wastes. For enquiries on Basel permits and related information, you may wish to contact our officers at Tel: 6731 9377.

Yours faithfully,

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for DIRECTOR  
POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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