

COMMUNICATION

NOTIFICATION OF NATIONAL DEFINITION OF HAZARDOUS WASTES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3 OF THE BASEL CONVENTION AUSTRIA, POLAND AND TUNISIA

Pursuant to article 3 of the Basel Convention, the Secretariat informs Parties and Signatories that Austria, Poland and Tunisia have submitted communications on 15, 17 and 4 February 2005, respectively, concerning their national definitions of wastes, other than those listed in Annexes I, and II of the Basel Convention, considered or defined as hazardous under its national legislation and requirements concerning transboundary movement procedures applicable to such wastes.

The full text of the three communications has been placed on the web site of the Basel Convention (www.basel.int). For those Parties or Signatories wishing to obtain a printed copy of the communications kindly contact the Secretariat (sbc@unep.ch).



To Focal Points of Parties and
Signatories to the Basel Convention

cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva

Annex to decision VII/33 on national definitions of hazardous wastes

	<p align="center">Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal</p> <p align="center">Notification of national definitions or significant change to national definitions pursuant to article 3 of the Basel Convention</p> <p align="center">(Information reported using this form shall be regarded as formal notification pursuant to article 3 and shall be transmitted by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to all Parties as well as Signatories)</p>	
	<p>Country: TUNISIA</p> <p>Government entity completing the questionnaire: Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Address: Centre Urbain Nord – Immeuble ICF – 1080 – Tunis – Tunisia.</p> <p>Telephone no: (+216) 71 704 000 / 71 702 779 Fax no: (+216) 71 704 340 / 71 706 395</p> <p>Contact person: Dr. Najeh DALI</p> <p>Title: General Director of Environment and Quality of Life.</p> <p>Telephone no: same as above. (if different from above)</p> <p>E-mail: dgeqv@mineat.gov.tn</p> <p>Date when form completed(D/M/Y): 26/01/2005.</p> <p>This report contains an updated national definition: Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	

National Definition of Hazardous Wastes

1	Is there a definition of hazardous waste in your national legislation?		
	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/> (If no, do not fill in the rest of the form)	
	If yes, please provide the text of the national definition of hazardous waste (Please attach the full text of the relevant legislation):		
	<p>By decree n°2339 of 10 October 2000, Tunisia has established a national list of hazardous wastes (see the attachment for the full text of the decree).</p> <p>For the purposes of this decree, hazardous wastes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ wastes listed in Annex I of the decree (hazardous wastes list); and ▪ any other waste containing any Annex II constituents and exhibits any Annex III hazard characteristics. <p>NB: Each hazardous waste of the Annex I is assigned a six-digit code.</p>		
1a	Is this a significant change to the national definition that has been previously notified to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention pursuant to article 3(2)? (NB: Information transmitted annually under article 13 (3) does not represent a notification in compliance with article 3)		
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1b	What is the source/ basis of this definition?		
	Basel Convention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OECD-Council Acts <input type="checkbox"/>	EU Waste Law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/> (specify under remarks)	
	<p>Remarks, if necessary:</p> <p>For the preparation of the national list of hazardous wastes, due account of the works undertaken in the framework of the Basel Convention has been taken. Furthermore, the EU Catalogue of wastes has been the major data source used for the elaboration of the annex I (list of hazardous wastes) of the decree n°2339 of 10 October 2000 mentioned in §.1.</p>		

2	Does the national definition of hazardous waste cover wastes other than those listed in Annexes I, II and VIII of the Basel Convention?		
	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>		
	If yes, please tick the box(es) below indicating the list(s) containing such wastes and, in the table below or as an attachment, list the wastes.		
	WCO-HS <input type="checkbox"/>	OECD <input type="checkbox"/>	EU-Waste List <input type="checkbox"/>
	National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (specify under remarks)		Other <input type="checkbox"/> (specify under remarks)
	General remarks, if any The list provided in the table below is the same as the list previously transmitted in the Tunisian response to the "Revised Questionnaire on Transmission of Information in accordance of Articles 13 & 16 of the Basel Convention for the year 2002".		

Waste code*	Waste description	Remarks, if any
		<p>Each hazardous waste is assigned a six-digit code.</p> <p>All wastes listed in this table are defined as hazardous wastes pursuant to national legislation (decree n°23339 of 10 October 2000).</p>
01	Radioactive wastes	
0101	Wastes arising from medical activities	
010101	Wastes from nuclear-medicine services	
010102	Wastes from radiotherapy services	
010103	Wastes from radio-immunology laboratories	
010104	Wastes from teaching hospital research	
0102	Wastes arising from non-medical activities	
010201	Spent sealed sources	
010202	Wastes of non sealed sources	
0103	Wastes from consumable products containing radioactive substances	
010301	Wastes from consumable products containing radioactive substances (smoke detector, lightning conductor, etc.)	
0104	Wastes from nuclear reactors	
010401	Spent nuclear combustible	
010402	Other wastes of nuclear reactors	
03	Wastes from agricultural, horticultural, hunting, fishing and aquaculture primary production, food, preparation and processing	
0301	Primary production wastes	
030101	Agrochemical wastes	
030102	Dejected animals in order to combat diseases	
04	Wastes resulting from exploration, mining, dressing and treatment of minerals	

* Please ensure that your listing is as precise and clear as possible.

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0401	Wastes from physical and chemical processing of metaliferous minerals	
040101	Tailings	
040102	Dusty and powdery waste	
0402	Waste from physical and chemical processing of non-metaliferous minerals	
040201	Waste from potash and rock salt processing	
040202	Waste from washing and cleaning of minerals	
0403	Drilling mud and other drilling wastes	
040301	Oil-containing drilling mud and wastes	
040302	Barite-containing, chloride-containing or heavy metals-containing mud and wastes	
040303	Polymers-containing drilling mud and wastes	
0502	Wastes from pulp, paper and cardboard production and processing	
050201	De-inking sludge from paper recycling	
0806	Wastes from sulphur chemical processes and desulphurisation processes	
080601	Wastes containing sulphur	
09	Wastes from organic chemical processes	
0901	Wastes from the manufacture, formulation, supply and use (MFSU) of basic organic chemicals	
090101	Aqueous washing liquids and mother liquors	
090102	Organic halogenated solvents, washing liquids and mother liquors	
090103	Other organic solvents, washing liquids and mother liquors	
090104	Halogenated still bottoms and reaction residues	
090105	Other still bottoms and reaction residues	
090106	Halogenated filter cakes, spent absorbents	
090107	Other filter cakes, spent absorbents	
0902	Wastes from the MFSU of plastics, synthetic rubber and man-made fibres	
090201	Aqueous washing liquids and mother liquors	
090202	Organic halogenated solvents, washing liquids and mother liquors	
090203	Other organic solvents, washing liquids and mother liquors	
090204	Halogenated still bottoms and reaction residues	
090205	Other still bottoms and reaction residues	
090206	Halogenated filter cakes, spent absorbents	
090207	Other filter cakes, spent absorbents	
0906	Wastes from the MFSU of fats, grease, soaps, detergents, disinfectants and cosmetics.	
090601	Aqueous washing liquids and mother liquors	
090602	Organic halogenated solvents, washing liquids and mother liquors	
090603	Other organic solvents, washing liquids and mother liquors	

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090604	Halogenated still bottoms and reaction residues	
090605	Other still bottoms and reaction residues	
090606	Halogenated filter cakes, spent absorbents	
090607	Other filter cakes, spent absorbents	
1203	Wastes from aluminium thermal metallurgy	
120301	Tars and other carbon-containing wastes from anode manufacture	
120302	Skimmings	
120303	Primary smelting slag and white drosses	
120304	Spent pot linings	
120305	Salt slag from secondary smelting	
120306	Black drosses from secondary smelting	
120307	Wastes from treatment of salt slag and black drosses treatment	
1801	Wastes from incineration or pyrolysis of municipal and similar commercial, industrial and institutional wastes	
180101	Fly ash	
180102	Boiler dust	
180103	Filter cake from gas treatment	
180104	Aqueous liquid waste from gas treatment and other aqueous liquid wastes	
180105	Solid wastes from gas treatment	
180106	Spent activated carbon from flue gas treatment	
1803	Vitrified wastes and wastes from vitrification	
180301	Fly ash and other gas treatment wastes	
180302	Non-vitrified solid phase	
1805	Wastes from waste water treatment plants not otherwise specified	
180502	Saturated or spent ion exchange resins	
180503	Solutions and sludge from regeneration of ion exchangers	
19	Municipal wastes and similar commercial, industrial and institutional wastes including separately collected fractions	
1901	Separately collected fractions	
190108	Aerosols	
190109	Equipment containing chlorofluorocarbons	
190110	Used oil filters	
20	Wastes non otherwise specified	
2001	End of life vehicles	
200101	Catalysts removed from vehicles containing precious metals	
200102	Other catalysts removed from vehicles	
2002	Discarded equipment and shredder residues	
200202	Discarded equipment containing chlorofluorocarbons	

Waste code*	Waste description	Remarks, if any
2005	Wastes from transport and storage tank cleaning	
200501	Wastes from marine transport tank cleaning, containing chemicals	
200502	Wastes from marine transport tank cleaning, containing oil	
200503	Wastes from railway and road transport tank cleaning, containing oil	
200504	Wastes from railway and road transport tank cleaning, containing chemicals	
200505	Wastes from storage tank cleaning, containing chemicals	
200506	Wastes from storage tank cleaning, containing oil	
	Wastes that exhibit any annex III hazard characteristic and having any constituent from the following: Cobalt compounds (C15); nickel compounds (C16); silver compounds (C17), tin compounds (C18); barium compounds excluding barium sulphate (C19); aromatic compounds, polycyclic and heterocyclic organic compounds (C34); inorganic sulphides (C36); the following alkaline or alkaline-earth metals, in a non-combined form: lithium, sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium (C37); chlorates (C38); perchlorates (C39); azides (C40); chreosotes (C41); iso-cyanates and thio-cyanates (C42); aliphatic amines (C43); aromatic amines (C44); organic compounds of sulphur (C45); hydrocarbons and their oxygenated, nitrogenated and sulphurated compounds (C52); radio nuclides (C53).	No six-digit code was assigned to these wastes. However, a two-digit code starting with the letter C was assigned to the "hazardous compounds" of these wastes (see annex II of the attachment for more details).

The following wastes are

3	Specify any requirements (procedures) concerning transboundary movements that are applicable to the wastes listed under question 2 above:	
	The same as for wastes of Annex I, II or VIII: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Other requirements (procedures): <input type="checkbox"/> If other, please specify the requirements (procedures):