
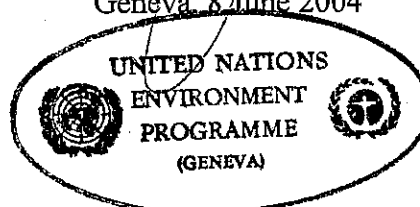


COMMUNICATION
PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 4(1) AND 13(2)(c) OF THE BASEL CONVENTION
CLARIFICATION CONCERNING THE NOTIFICATION OF PROHIBITION OF
IMPORT INTO TURKEY FOR DISMANTLING OF SHIPS IN WHICH ASBESTOS
WAS USED DURING CONSTRUCTION

The Secretariat of the Basel Convention hereby transmits to Parties and Signatories, pursuant to Articles 4(1) and 13(2)(c) of the Basel Convention, copies of two clarifications dated 8 May 2004 and 28 May 2004 respectively, from the Republic of Turkey further to their communication dated 5 November 2003 (copy also enclosed), which was circulated to Parties and Signatories by the Secretariat on 13 November 2003.

These clarifications confirm that the notification of 5 November 2003 was sent pursuant to Article 4(1) of the Basel Convention to notify the Parties to the Basel Convention that ships which are sent to the Republic of Turkey for dismantling must comply with the prior notification and consent procedure under the Basel Convention.


Secretariat of the Basel Convention
Geneva, 8 June 2004



To Focal Points of Parties and
Signatories to the Basel Convention

cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva



REPUCLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST
General Directory of Environmental Management

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To: Secretariat of The Basel Convention
On The Control of Transboundary
Movements of Hazardous Wastes and
Their Disposal
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Dear Madam / Sir,

As the Competent Authority of Turkey Ministry of Environment and Forestry presents its compliments to the Secreteriat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, and with reference to our letter dated on November 5, 2003 and letter of Permanent Mission of the Repuclic of Turkey to the United nations Office at Geneva dated on May 8, 2004 has the honour to inform the Secretariat of the following:

Aliğa Ship Dismantling Region is the only area in Turkey that actives on dismantling of ship. Turkey ratified the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal on 1994. According to this Convention and also cooperation with IMO and ILO The Secreteriat of Basel Convention was prepared "Preparation of The Technical Quidelines for The Environmentally Sound Management of The Full and Partial Dismantling of Ships". Aliğa Ship Dismantling was prepared action plan according to this Guidelines. This plan was agreed by Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

In this plan, related with existing or future studies for waste management, time schedule is given. This schedule is profit with above mentioned Guideline. In addition to this, infrastructure studies for dismantling of ship containing asbestos and training course to staff for required equipment are approximately completed. At this straight, waste management section is established and related training course studies is continued periodically.

According to The Legislation on Control of Hazardous Waste that was enforced on 27 August 1995, ships containing asbestos and PCB are considered as dangerous waste. For this reason; the ships which are sent to Turkey for dismantling have to comply with the prior notification and consent procedure of the Basel Convention.

Therefore we would like to propose that by means of Secretariat; all parties are informed that they could export ships containing asbestos to Turkey for dismantling only if they comply with the notification procedure.

Best regards.

Musa DEMİRBAŞ
On Behalf of Minister
General Director



PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKEY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
GENEVA

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Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, and with reference to the Latter's Note dated January 28, 2004 concerning the communication of the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Nairobi dated November 5, 2003 on the prohibition of the import of wastes containing asbestos to Turkey, has the honour to inform the Secretariat of the following:

The communication of Turkey through its Embassy in Nairobi on November 5, 2003 is a notification made under article 4(1) of the Basel Convention and it is simply a reiteration of the prior notification that was made by Turkey while becoming a party to the Basel Convention in accordance with the very same provision. This communication was done in order to draw the attention of the parties of the Basel Convention to the fact that ships which are sent to Turkey for dismantling have to comply with the prior notification and consent procedure of the Basel Convention because of their asbestos content. Asbestos, which is recognized as a hazardous material under the Basel Convention, renders ships containing this material destined for dismantling hazardous waste.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 8 May 2004

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