EPR-related work on plastic waste under the Basel Convention

INC-2 Technical Webinar on EPR, Tuesday 16 May 2023
Tackling plastic waste across the three pillars of the Basel Convention

1) Minimization of generation
2) Control of transboundary movements
3) Environmentally sound management
Adoption of the Basel Convention 1989

Entry into force 1992

Adoption of Technical Guidelines for the identification & ESM of plastic wastes and their disposal 2002

Adoption of the Plastic Amendment Establishment of the Plastic Waste Partnership 2019

The Plastic Amendment became effective on 1 January 2023

Adoption of Technical Guidelines for the ESM of plastic wastes 2023
The Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments

- **Annex II**
  - Plastic waste, including mixtures
  - Y48

- **Annex VIII**
  - Hazardous plastic waste
  - A3210

- **Annex IX**
  - Clean plastic waste for recycling
  - B3011

Prior Informed Consent (PIC)

FAQs available at: [http://www.basel.int/Implementation/Plasticwaste/Amendments/FAQs/tabid/8427/Default.aspx](http://www.basel.int/Implementation/Plasticwaste/Amendments/FAQs/tabid/8427/Default.aspx)
EPR and the Basel Convention

THE ESM TOOLKIT IS A COLLECTION OF PRACTICAL TOOLS TO ASSIST PARTIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS IN ENSURING ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS AND OTHER WASTES.

THE PRACTICAL MANUAL ON EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY IS ONE SUCH TOOL.
The Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership (PWP)

Objective
Improve and promote ESM of plastic waste at the global, regional and national levels and prevent and minimize its generation.

Modalities
Working group and 4 project groups; steering group for pilot projects.

Membership
Working group open to Parties and observers; 285 reps of 136 entities.

Donors
Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, USA.

Project groups
1. Prevention and minimization
2. Collection, recycling and other recovery, incl. financing
3. Transboundary movements
4. Outreach, education, awareness raising.

Pilot projects
40 pilot projects to be implemented in 50 countries globally.

See: http://www.basel.int/Implementation/Plasticwastes/PlasticWastePartnership/tabid/8096/Default.aspx
EPR related work under PWP

• Collect and disseminate best practices and lessons learned on improving collection, separation and recycling systems of plastic waste

• Spotlight brief: Good practices for establishing and improving the functioning of EPR systems for plastic packaging

• EPR forum: Exchange of know-how on the regulatory and technical aspects for setting up EPR schemes and promote collaboration
PWP EPR Forum – Format and Programming

- Series of five virtual events, with possible in-person events in the future
- Speakers: policy experts (e.g. from IGOs, NGOs), academics, facility operators, PROs, governments.
- Wide participation will be invited including from members of the PWP, Parties and observers to the Basel Convention, EPR compliance schemes run on behalf of producers, or producer associations.
- Focus on EPR schemes targeting specific waste streams
EPR Forum – a sectoral approach

FORUM 1 - EPR AND PLASTIC PACKAGING MATERIALS IN WASTE STREAMS

FORUM 2 - EPR AND PLASTIC FROM ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC WASTES

FORUM 3 - EPR AND PLASTIC FROM END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES

FORUM 4 - EPR AND SYNTHETIC TEXTILE WASTE

FORUM 5 - EPR AND PLASTIC PACKAGING VALUE CHAIN
Thank you

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