

Convention: BC

Joint manual to improve the sea-land interface and achieve the environmentally sound management of ships wastes, once offloaded in port reception facilities

LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:

Work programme activity #: 47

- Decision BC-10/16 on Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Decision OEWG-8/9 on Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The issue of wastes generated on board ships and how far the Basel Convention regulates the generation and management of such wastes, including their transboundary movements, raises the question of the relationships between the Convention and other treaties regulating maritime affairs that are under the framework of the IMO.

Through successive decisions, Parties to the Convention have underlined the importance of close cooperation between the Basel Convention and the IMO and have expressed their willingness to clarify the relationship between the Basel Convention and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997 (MARPOL).

In its decision BC-10/16, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention requested the Secretariat to undertake several activities pertaining to the issue of wastes generated on board ships and the relationship between the Basel Convention and MARPOL.

In addition to requesting the further development of the legal analysis regarding the application of the Basel Convention to hazardous wastes and other wastes generated on board ships, the COP invited any Party to **assess how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines cover wastes covered by MARPOL**, or to provide funds to enable the Secretariat to undertake such an assessment, in close consultation with the IMO. The same decision also requested the Secretariat to **develop a guidance manual**, in cooperation with the IMO, **on how to improve the sea-land interface** to ensure that wastes falling within the scope of MARPOL, once offloaded from a ship, are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

- **Development of a joint manual to improve the sea-land interface and achieve the environmentally sound management of ships wastes, once offloaded in port reception facilities.**
- **The joint manual will be composed of:**
 1. An assessment of how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines address wastes covered by MARPOL, in close consultation with the IMO, and
 2. A guidance on how to improve the sea-land interface, in consultation with the IMO, to ensure that wastes falling within the scope of MARPOL, once offloaded from a ship, are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

- Better understanding of the technical standards, systems and tools available to ensure that ships' wastes are managed in an environmentally sound manner, once offloaded in port reception facilities.

- Enhanced exchange of information and knowledge for the environmentally sound management of ships wastes in port reception facilities until their disposal.
- Strengthened collaboration between ship operators, port operators and waste management facilities.
- Better implementation and enforcement of the Basel Convention provisions pertaining to ships wastes, once offloaded.

BUDGET [USD]

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| <i>Consultancy fees</i> | <i>70,000</i> |
| COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD trust fund) | 70,000 |