Convention: BC

Development of an assessment of how far the Basel Convention technical guidelines cover MARPOL wastes and of a guidance manual on how to improve the sea-land interface to ensure that MARPOL wastes, once offloaded a ship, are managed in an environmentally sound manner

LEGAL BASIS/ MANDATE:

• Programme of Work Activity 29 (S19) on International cooperation and coordination
• Decision BC-11/17 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 movement, raises the question of the relationship between the Basel Convention and other treaties regulating maritime affairs that fall under the framework of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Through successive decisions, Parties to the Basel Convention have underlined the importance of close cooperation between the Convention and the IMO and have expressed their wish 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 decision BC-11/17, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention reiterated the requests made to the Secretariat at its tenth meeting to undertake, in cooperation with the IMO, two activities to clarify and strengthen the Basel/MARPOL relationship. The first is an assessment of how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines cover MARPOL wastes and the second is the development of a guidance manual 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:

1. Development of an assessment of how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines address wastes covered by MARPOL, in close consultation with the IMO;
2. Development of 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;
3. Funding received to cover staff time costs; consultant fees; and reporting costs, namely translation, design/layout and printing.

RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:

• Strengthened implementation and enforcement of the Basel Convention with respect to ship-generated wastes, taking into account MARPOL requirements;
• Enhanced knowledge of existing standards, systems, technologies and best practices for the environmentally sound management of ship-generated wastes, including options for reuse, recycling (as appropriate) and final disposal;
• Enhanced capacity on how to develop port waste management regulations and plans;
• Strengthened collaboration between regulators, enforcement authorities, port operators, ship operators and waste management facilities.

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014 - 2015

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DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET 90,000

Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13% 11,700

TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET 101,700