Work of the Basel Convention on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents

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• Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal
• Entry into force: 5 May 1992
• Number of parties: 188
• Objective: to protect human health and the environment against the adverse effects of hazardous wastes
• Scope: Hazardous wastes and other wastes
Mandate for the work and status

• Work on electronic approaches for the notification and movement documents started in 2016.
• Since then the Secretariat has prepared surveys with experiences/views.
• In 2020, a report was prepared with Parties’ and others’ experiences in developing and implementing electronic systems for exchanging information on or controlling the movements of goods and wastes (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.12/INF/18).
• The governing body of the convention, at its fourteenth meeting (i.e. COP-14) requested consultative workshops to be organized with experts to explore options for a system under the Basel Convention that would allow for the automation of processes and the electronic exchange of information. The First one took place in January 2021.
• The Secretariat has prepared a document on this topic for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its fifteenth meeting in 2021/2022.
Some of the considerations for Basel Convention’s Parties

• Create a working group to overlook this thematic area and how the work should proceed
• Nominees with policy and technical background
• Invite Parties to carry-out pilot projects on this area and share information with other Parties
• That any solution proposed, should consider what is already done and available, e.g. UN/CEFACT related standards, WCO, ASYCUDA, etc.
Thank you

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