

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
CUSTOMS & EXCISE DIVISION**

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS NO. 12 OF 2022

**SUBJECT: TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE -
MANDATORY IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENCES**

The *Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal*, commonly referred to as the Basel Convention, is an international treaty designed to reduce the movements of hazardous waste between nations, and specifically to prevent the transfer of hazardous waste from developed to less developed countries (LDCs). In Trinidad and Tobago the **Environmental Management Authority (EMA)** is the Competent Authority under the Basel Convention.

Under *Article 9* of the Basel Convention, any transboundary movement of waste which violates the provisions of *Article 6* of the said Basel Convention is considered “illegal traffic”.

Additional information or clarification can be obtained from the EMA’s website at [Basel Convention – EMA](#).

An **Import** or **Export Licence** issued by the Trade Licence Unit, Ministry of Trade and Industry is **mandatory** for the transboundary movement of any item of hazardous waste specified on the Import and Export Negative Lists.

Please be guided accordingly.


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