

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
CUSTOMS & EXCISE DIVISION**

**NOTICE TO IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS NO. 31 OF 2024**

**SUBJECT: PROCEDURE FOR THE TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENT OF  
HAZARDOUS WASTE UNDER THE BASEL CONVENTION**

The attention of all Importers and Exporters is drawn to **Notice to Importers and Exporters No. 12 of 2022 - Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste – Mandatory Import and Export Licences.**

The Environmental Management Authority (EMA) is the Competent Authority in Trinidad and Tobago for the Basel Convention on the control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. The Convention prohibits the movement of hazardous waste and other waste listed in Annexes 1, 2 and 8 to countries without their consent, and it combats the illegal trafficking of such waste without consent.

The following documentation must be submitted to Officers at the Port of import and export when waste listed in the above mentioned annexes are being imported or exported:

**Importation:**

- Prior Informed Consent Letter from the EMA
- Certificate of Environment Clearance from the EMA **for the destined waste handling facility in Trinidad and Tobago.**
- Import Licence from Ministry of Trade for hazardous waste specified on the Import Negative List

**Prior to Exportation:**

- Prior Informed Consent Letter from the EMA
- Export Licence from Ministry of Trade for hazardous waste specified on the Export Negative List

Further details can be accessed via the EMA's website at [Basel Convention – EMA](#) and [CEC – EMA](#).

Notice to Importers and Exporters No. 12 of 2022 is attached for ease of reference.

Please be guided accordingly.



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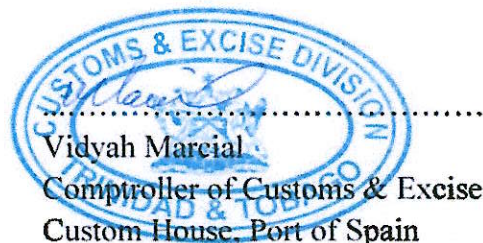
The *Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal*, commonly referred to as the Basel Convention, is an international treaty designed to reduce the movements of hazardous waste between nations, and specifically to prevent the transfer of hazardous 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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