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ANNEX

Proposal by the EU for amendments of Annex IV to the Basel Convention (proposal for a new text for Annex IV):

Annex IV[1]

Disposal operations

There are two categories of disposal operations, namely recovery operations and non-recovery operations. Section A encompasses non-recovery operations and section B recovery operations.

This Annex covers disposal operations including interim operations.

This Annex covers all disposal operations, regardless of their legal status and, as such, regardless of whether they are considered to be environmentally sound.

A. Non-recovery operations

A non-recovery operation is an operation which is not a recovery operation even where the operation has as a secondary consequence the reclamation of substances or energy.

D*1 Deposit in an aboveground landfill isolated from the environment

D*2 Surface impoundment (e.g. placement of liquids or sludge into pits, tailing ponds or tailing dams)

D*3 Deposit onto land other than covered by D*1 and D*2 (e.g. permanent aboveground storage)

D*4 Permanent underground storage (e.g. placement of containers in a mine)

D*5 Deposit into land other than covered by D*4 (e.g. injection into wells, salt domes of naturally occurring repositories)

D*6 Land treatment in situ (e.g. biodegradation or chemical treatment in soils)

D*7 Release into a water body except seas/oceans

D*8 Release into seas/oceans including sea-bed insertion

D*9 Release to the atmosphere (e.g. the venting of compressed or liquefied gases)

D*10 Thermal treatment other than covered by R*5 in section B (e.g. incineration)

D*11 Final disposal operations other than covered by D*1 to D*10

D*12 Biological treatment prior to submission to any of the operations in section A

D*13 Physical/mechanical treatment (e.g. evaporation, drying), physical/chemical treatment (e.g. solvent extraction), chemical treatment (e.g. neutralization, precipitation) or immobilization (e.g. stabilization, solidification) prior to submission to any of the operations in section A

[1] The amendments to this Annex become effective as of [date occurring two years after adoption by the Conference of the Parties] and the asterisks will no longer be used as of [date occurring four years after adoption by the Conference of the Parties].

D*14 Mechanical treatment other than covered by D*15 (e.g. dismantling, sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletizing, shredding, conditioning, separating) prior to submission to any of the operations in section A

D*15 Mixing, including blending, prior to submission to any of the operations in section A

D*16 Repackaging prior to submission to any of the operations in section A

D*17 Other treatment than covered by D*12 to D*16 prior to submission to any of the operations in section A

D*18 Temporary storage pending any of the operations in section A

B. Recovery operations

A recovery operation is an operation the principal result of which is waste serving a useful purpose by replacing other materials which would otherwise have been used to fulfil a particular function, or waste being prepared to fulfil that function, in the plant or in the wider economy.

R*1 Preparing for reuse (e.g. checking, cleaning, repair, refurbishment)

R*2 Recycling of organic substances

R*3 Recycling of metals and metal compounds

R*4 Recycling of other inorganic materials

R*5 Thermal treatment with the principal purpose to generate energy

R*6 Recovery other than covered by R*1 to R*5

R*7 Biological treatment prior to submission to any of the operations in section B

R*8 Physical/mechanical treatment (e.g. evaporation, drying), physical/chemical treatment (e.g. solvent extraction) or chemical treatment (e.g. neutralization, precipitation) prior to submission to any of the operations in section B

R*9 Mechanical treatment other than covered by R*10 (e.g. dismantling, sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletizing, shredding, conditioning, separating) prior to submission to any of the operations in section B

R*10 Mixing, including blending, prior to submission to any of the operations in section B

R*11 Repackaging prior to submission to any of the operations in section B

R*12 Other treatment than covered by R*7 to R*9 prior to submission to any of the operations in section B

R*13 Temporary storage pending any of the operations in section B