

Expert Workshop on Possible Introduction of Recycling Certification in Asia

Date: 10 July, 2012

Agenda

Opening 9:00

Session 1 Introduction 9:00-10:30

Introduction and Objectives of the WS (15 min.):

Dr. Yasuhiko Hotta, Deputy Director, SCP Group, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Development of Framework for Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of Hazardous Waste and Other Wastes (20 min.):

Dr. Shunichi Honda, Ministry of the Environment of Japan

Recycling facilities in Asia (20 min.):

Mr. Michikazu Kojima, Senior Researcher, IDE JETRO

QA and discussion: 35 min.

Session 2 Existing Certification Scheme 10:30-12:00

About WEELABEX (15 min.):

Dr Thérèse Shryane, WEEE Forum, EU

About R2 (Responsible Recycling) Certification (15 min.):

Ms. Lynn Rubinstein, R2 Solutions Board Member, USA

Proposed joint standard for e-waste management of Australia and New Zealand (15 min.),

Ms. Helen Bolton, Ministry for the Environment, New Zealand

QA and discussion: 45 min.

Lunch 12:00-13:30

Session 3: Parallel Group Discussion 1 and 2 13:30-15:30

Initial findings on comparative analysis of e-waste management and permit and approval of recycling in Asia (10 min.):

Mr. Shiko Hayashi, IGES

Initial findings on comparative analysis of existing certification schemes (10 min.):

Mr. Yoshiaki Totoki, IGES

Parallel Group Discussion 1 Objectives of Recycling Certification (Needs assessment):

13:50-15:30

Basic points

- What is the most effective definition of recyclers? Is it suitable to be categorised into different functions?
- What are the requirements and conditions for quality recyclers?

Objectives

- Can recycling certification contribute to the following objectives?
 - Environmental, health, and occupational safety management
 - Development of quality recyclers
 - Ensuring appropriate domestic transaction/international trade

Asian Context

- How effective do you think the idea is of a recycling centre or international recycling hubs?
- How can diversity of recycling market be reflected in Asia?

Parallel Group Discussion 2 Challenges and Opportunities for Implementation/Operation

(Stock-taking from existing certification schemes as well as recycling practices):

13:50-15:30

Lessons from existing mechanisms

- Are the requirements in existing certification reasonable and effective?
- Who would be the certifiers for effective certification mechanism? Can private organisations operate and implement such a certification mechanism?
- How can we ensure a chain of custody? Is it enough to ensure “traceability” and “mass-balance accounting” for this purpose?
- In addition to the certification mechanism itself, what kind of additional measures are effective to ensure quality recycling?

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Tea Break: 15:30-16:00

Session 4: Overall Discussion 16:00-17:30

- Reporting Back of Parallel Group Discussion 1 16:00-16:20
- Reporting Back of Parallel Group Discussion 2 16:20-16:40
- Discussion and Conclusion: 16:40-17:30

Closing: 17:30