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Text of the Convention

Convention Text

The text of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal was adopted on 22 March 1989 and entered into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the twentieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, formal confirmation, approval or accession, on 5 May 1992. The text has been subject to various amendments since its adoption.

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Additional Annexes and Amendment

Ban Amendment

In 1995, the Amendment to the Basel Convention (“the Ban Amendment”) was adopted by decision III/1 of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Ban Amendment provides for the prohibition by each Party included in the proposed new Annex VII to the Convention (Parties and other States which are members of the OECD, EC, Liechtenstein) of:

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- all transboundary movements to States not included in Annex VII of hazardous wastes covered by the Convention that are intended for final disposal, and
- all transboundary movements to States not included in Annex VII of hazardous wastes covered by paragraph 1 (a) of Article 1 of the Convention that are destined for reuse, recycling or recovery operations.

This decision III/1 added a paragraph in the preamble; inserted an Article 4A; and added the Annex VII. The Ban Amendment entered into force on 5 December 2019 – information on Parties that consented to be bound is available [here](#).

Additional Annexes and Amendments to Annexes

In 1998, Annexes VIII and IX were added to the Convention by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to provide further elaboration as to the wastes regulated by the Convention as listed in Annexes I and III. Since then, the Conference of the Parties has adopted various changes to these Annexes VIII and IX.

In 2019, the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties adopted further amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention by amending or inserting entries on plastic waste. These amendments become effective on 1 January 2021.

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