

COMMUNICATION

NOTIFICATION OF IMPORT PROHIBITION OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND OTHER  
WASTES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4(1) OF THE BASEL CONVENTION  
HUNGARY

Pursuant to article 4(1) of the Basel Convention, the Republic of Hungary transmitted a communication dated 12 April 2007 to the Secretariat advising of its prohibition of the import into Hungary of hazardous wastes and other wastes for disposal.

Article 13(2)(c) of the Basel Convention states that the Parties shall inform each other, through the Secretariat of the decisions made by them not to consent totally or partially to the import of hazardous wastes or other wastes for disposal within the area under their national jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Secretariat transmits the present communication to Parties, advising that the Republic of Hungary has prohibited the import into Hungary of hazardous wastes and other wastes for disposal.

The prohibition is made under Section 17 of Act XLIII of 2000 on Waste Management which provides, amongst other things, that "(1) waste may be imported to the territory of this country, including customs free zones a) for recovery only".

The full texts of the communication transmitted by the Republic of Hungary and the Act XLIII of 2000 on Waste Management have been placed on the web site of the Basel Convention (<http://www.basel.int/natdef/frsetmain.php>). Those Parties wishing to obtain a printed copy of the communication should contact the Secretariat ([nalini.basavaraj@unep.ch](mailto:nalini.basavaraj@unep.ch)).

Secretariat of the Basel Convention  
Geneva, 9 May 2007

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