

# Transboundary Movement Control on Plastic Waste Under the Basel Convention

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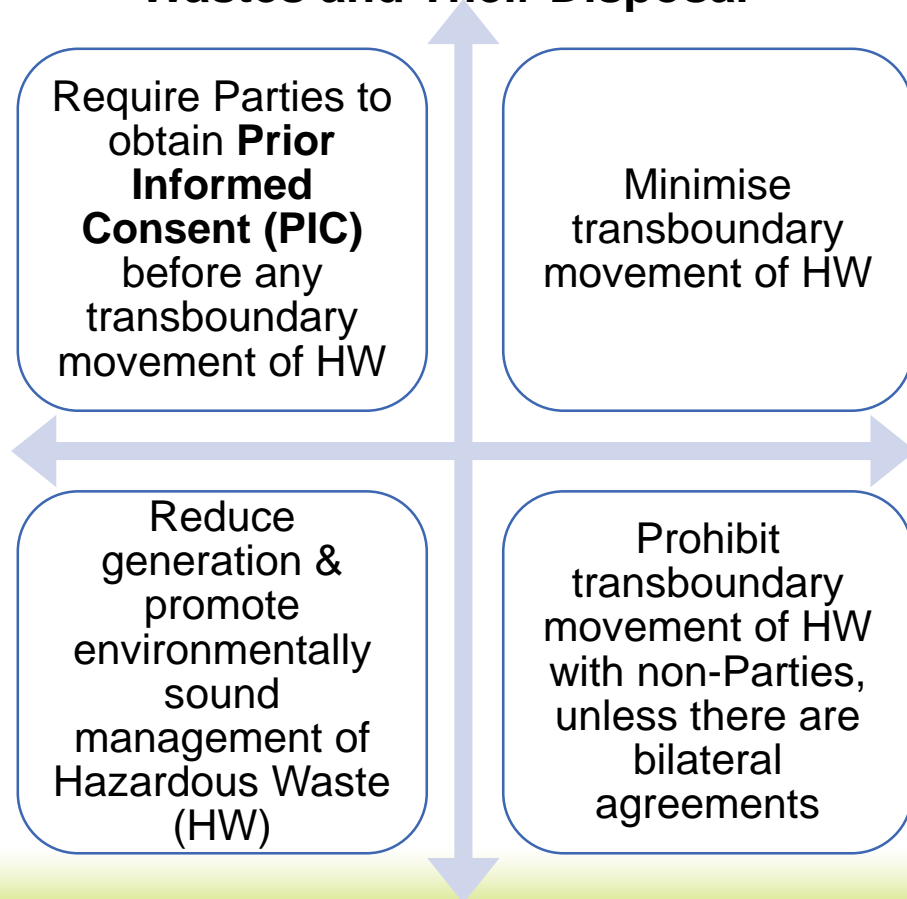
# 1 Overview of Basel Convention and Singapore's Control Framework

# Overview of Basel Convention



# Singapore's Control Framework

## Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal



**NEA(Pollution Control Department)**  
= National Competent Authority (CA) for implementation of the Convention

- Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Act (HWA)
- Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Regs
- Hazardous Waste (Extended Meaning of Hazardous and Other Wastes) Notifications



## Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal

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Require Parties to obtain **Prior Informed Consent (PIC)** before any transboundary movement of HW

Prior to the export, PCD is required to initiate PIC procedure with the States of Import/Transit for their consent of the intended shipments

The exports will not be permitted if any Party involved in the movement does not provide its consent

Local companies involved in the export of the hazardous waste are required to obtain a Basel Export Permit from NEA and Banker's Guarantee from a bank

Reduce generation & promote environmentally sound management of Hazardous Waste (HW)

Prohibit transboundary movement of HW with non-Parties unless there are bilateral agreements

# 2 Adoption of Revised Norway's Proposal at Basel Convention COP-14

An underwater photograph showing a large amount of plastic waste, including bags and fragments, floating in the water. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the lighting is somewhat dim, highlighting the translucent nature of the plastic.

**The need for environmentally sustainable management of plastic waste to address the global challenge of marine litter.**



**Proposal by Government of Norway adopted at the Basel Conference of Parties to amend the Annexes of the Basel Convention to control the transboundary movements of plastic waste.**

# 3 Details of the Amendments



# Details of Amendments – Current VS Adopted Amendments

Annexes	Classification
<a href="#">Annex IX</a>	List B (regarded as non-hazardous waste unless proven with Annex III characteristics)

~~Entry B3010: Solid plastic waste~~

## New Entry “B3011” on Plastic Waste

- Applies to plastic waste that it is destined for recycling in an environmentally sound manner and almost free from contamination and other types of wastes.
- [Lists 4 Categories of Plastic Waste](#)

Almost exclusively single stream plastic wastes of the following types:

- 1) Non-Halogenated Polymer
- 2) Cured Resin or Condensation Product
- 3) Fluorinated Polymer wastes

4) Mixtures consisting of

- Polyethylene (PE)
- Polypropylene (PP)
- Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)

Annexes	Classification
<a href="#">Annex VIII</a>	List A (regarded as hazardous waste unless proven with no Annex III characteristics)

## New Entry “A3210” Related to Plastic Waste

Plastic waste, including mixtures of such wastes, containing/contaminated with Annex I constituents, to an extent that it exhibits an Annex III (hazardous) characteristic.

Annex II	Categories of Wastes Requiring Special Consideration

## New Entry “Y48” Related to Plastic Waste

Plastic wastes that does not fall under Annex IX nor VIII

PIC required

No PIC required

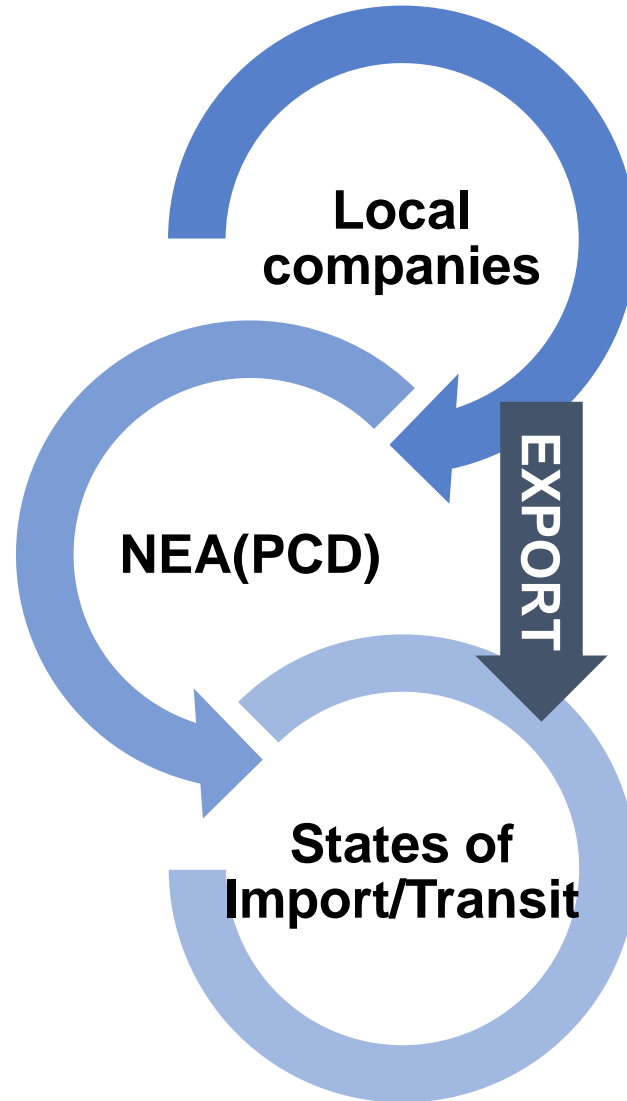
**Adopted amendments come into force on 1 Jan 2021**

# 4 Upcoming Requirements of the PIC Procedure, Application of Basel Permits, and TradeNet controls

# PIC Procedure, Application of Basel Permits and TradeNet Controls

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2) PCD initiates [Prior Informed Consent \(PIC\)](#) procedure with the States of Import/Transit for their consent of the intended shipments



1) Apply for [Basel Permit](#) from NEA and Banker's Guarantee from bank

4) Basel Permit is issued, once remaining documents are submitted and payment is made

5) Submit relevant [TradeNet](#) declarations

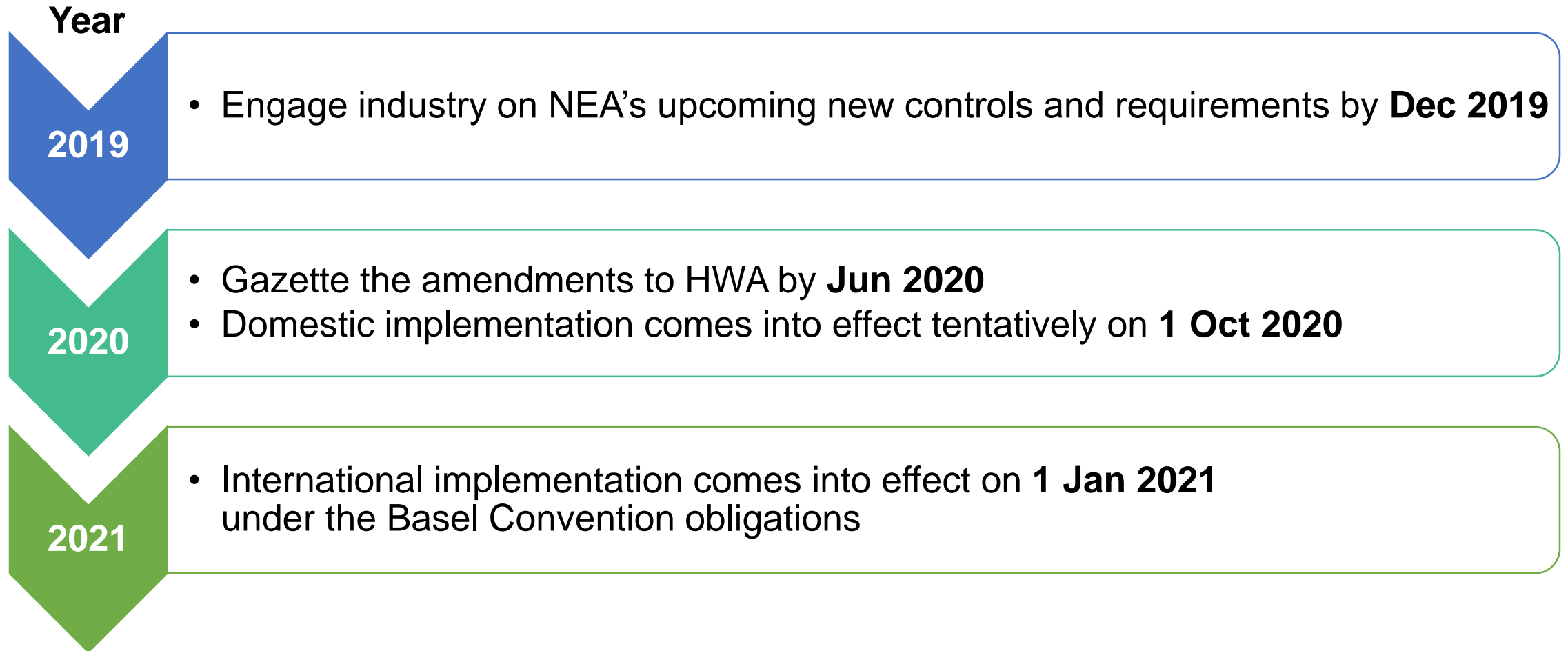


3) States of Import/Transit provide consent for shipment

# 5 Planned Timeline

# Tentative Implementation Timeline

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