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Please identify a suspected or proven case of illegal traffic discovered in your country and prepare a presentation providing the following information:

1. Factual description of the case, including any consequences, such as damage to the environment or human health, or costs to remedy such damage;

2005 company "Ekranas" situated in city Panevezys imported glass waste form Finland. Company produce vacuum tubs and use glass waste in production. These waste was shipped without the notification to the competent authorities concerned according to the Regulation 259/93 CEE.

2006 company "Senoji kripta" imported from Germany polyethylene and rubber waste for disposal without notification procedure according to the Council Regulation (EEC) No 259/93 of 1 February 1993 on the supervision and control of shipments of waste within, into and out of the European Community. This company "Senoji Kripta" declare that this waste are imported for the recycling but not for disposal.

2. Which provisions of the Basel Convention and/or the EU legislation were contravened?

The Article 26 (a) of the Council Regulation (EEC) No 259/93 was contravened.

3. What led your authorities to suspect that the shipment was illegal?

Regional Environmental Protection Department have got information from the Ministry of Environment Republic of Lithuania about the case of “Ekranas”

4. What procedure was followed to investigate the case?

Panevėžys city Regional Environmental Protection Department send inspector to the company to investigate this case.

5. Were safety measures taken when handling the shipment?

This company use glass waste a lot of year, so they have possibility to take care about safe handling of waste. So the waste was in company till the end of investigation and the company used this waste as part of the technology process so in this case the waste was safety recovered in the environmentally sound manner.

6. Which governmental agency led the investigation? Were other governmental agencies involved? How did the communication/collaboration between these agencies work?

Panevėžys Regional Environmental Protection Department didn't involved other governmental institutions. Company take support to show all documents, haw they take care about the waste.

7. Were other countries involved? How did you communicate/collaborate with those countries?

The competent authorities of each country are communicate on the illegal traffic issues and find a suitable solution of each individual cases.

8. Did your investigation lead to a prosecution or some other form of punishment (e.g., fine)?

Panevėžys Regional Environmental Protection Department didn't punish company “Ekranas” because it was not company's fault.

9. Which governmental agency led the prosecution? Were other governmental agencies involved? How did the communication/collaboration between these agencies work? What was the outcome of the case?

Panevėžys Regional Environmental Protection Department have the right to prosecute the company in case of the illegal traffic according to the Administrative Law Offence Code.

10. Did you face any problems during the investigation?

Central and regional governments need close contact.

11. How did you solve the problems faced (Lessons learned).

The problem was – company didn't know all legal acts according to waste import. This case was not real illegal waste import, because company have permit to produce vacuum tubes including waste using. So our task is to spread information to companies most widely in case to prevent such kind of violation.