

**WORKSHOP ON ILLEGAL TRAFFIC  
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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;**
- 2. Which provisions of the Basel Convention and/or the EU legislation were contravened?**
- 3. What led your authorities to suspect that the shipment was illegal?**
- 4. What procedure was followed to investigate the case?**
- 5. Were safety measures taken when handling the shipment?**
- 6. Which governmental agency led the investigation? Were other governmental agencies involved? How did the communication/collaboration between these agencies work?**
- 7. Were other countries involved? How did you communicate/collaborate with those countries?**
- 8. Did your investigation lead to a prosecution or some other form of punishment (e.g., fine)?**
- 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?**
- 10. Did you face any problems during the investigation?**
- 11. How did you solve the problems faced (Lessons learned).**

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In 2004, 100 tons of wastes consisting plasticized PVC and 20 tons of acrylic paint were imported from France, by a Romanian commercial society from Arad.. In this case the art. 9 of the Basel Convention- illegal traffic- has been contravened. The accompanying documents stated that the shipment contained products under the name of plasticized vinyl polychlorate and glicerophthalyc paint. Following the lab tests is has been concluded that the shipment represented hazardous wastes. In this case the competent authorities have taken safety measures in handling the shipment, such as:

- ensuring the transportation, so that it wouldn't cause damage to the environment or the population;
- the packaging was made according to enforced regulation.

Representatives of the control authorities took part in the process: Customs Authority and Environmental Protection Guard, as well as representatives on behalf of the authority responsible with environment protection. There have also been involved competent authorities from the country which was exporting the waste and the countries through which the shipment was passing. The communication between the parties did not encounter any problems, there were no bottlenecks.

With the combined efforts of the Romanian and French authorities, there wastes have returned to the country from which they came.