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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:

CASE 2: Mixed half - sorted plastic waste including AI - waste (other detected cases are presented in Table 1 given in the attachment)

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

A cargo of 169.940 kg of mixed half - sorted plastic waste was stopped in the free zone in the Port Koper. It was declared as plastic waste. After checking it was found out that this cargo needed export licence and it had been transported from Italy without transport papers (notification).

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

Illegal traffic in accordance with Art. 9 of the Basel Convention / Art. 26 of the WSR ;

Violation of Art. 10 of the WSR (unlisted waste).

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

Description of the goods (waste, parings and scrap of plastics of polymers of ethylene) and huge weight.

4. What procedure was followed to investigate the case?

The goods was checked after customs declaration (SAD) had been submitted. CARS had not allowed the export until appropriate documents were submitted. The declarant informed consigner. Declarant and expert for waste made another expertise and it was found out, that are mixed half - sorted plastics waste at least 80% (and need licence).

5. Were safety measures taken when handling the shipment?

It was prohibited to remove cargo.

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

CARS led the investigation. CARS communicated with the correspondent for WSR from EARS and IRSEP by e-mail, fax and phone.

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

The correspondent for WSR from EARS informed Italian authority about the case.

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

No. Export from EU was prohibited.

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?

CARS.

10. Did you face any problems during the investigation?

How to recognize such goods and prosecution procedures.

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

We solved the case with good cooperation with EARS. Customs officers need more explicit instruction (procedures of the punishment, recognition of the goods).