



Controlling hazardous waste in Cotonou Port: what is needed ?

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Wastes management legislation frame in Benin

- Almost all the Multilateral Environmental Agreements related to waste (Basel, Rotterdam and Bamako conventions) has been ratified;
- Constitution Art. 74, Frame Law on Environment, Regulation on the disposal of wastes)
- No clear definition nor categorization of wastes but,

Tools for control

Decree no. 2000-671 of December 2000 regulating the importation and trading of used goods in Benin

- Art. 3. importation of refrigerator containing CFC is forbidden
- Art. 10. any used imported used goods must functional and compliant with quality standards set by sector ministries
- Art. 11. No used vehicle more than 13 years can be imported in Benin

Since 2008, scrap metals exporter through Cotonou port have to present a clearance Certificate on radioactivity.

But There still is no regular mechanism of control



End of Life Vehicle blocked on the Sea Ahmed



- The national Basel convention focal point received a notification from Germany
- The information had been passed on to the Port Authority via the Ministry of Maritime Affairs
- A joint team (Harbour Master, Ministry of Environment, environmental Dept. of the Port) cleared the issue



Where to go

- Raise awareness at national level (stakeholders workshops) with specific target groups (Customs, EPA Benin, Importers, Port decision makers);
- Enforce the port internal environmental inspection rules;
- Strengthen contact with ports of origin (share information);
- Liaise with neighbouring ports for experience sharing and joint – action.



Thank a lot for your attention