

## The Ecomessage Form: Introduction

1. Two examples of the Ecomessage form are attached:

- Example One provides a list of the items required on the left side of the form, and an explanation of what those items are on the right side of the form.
- Example Two eliminates the named items on the left side of the form, and replaces them with a sequence only numbers and letters – along with the same sample fictional account.

The style presented in Example Two can be used to transmit the Ecomessage to the Interpol General Secretariat in Lyon, France.

2. Also included are several blank Ecomessage forms. A law enforcement agency can use these forms to provide a report of environmental crime to its local Interpol NCB, which can then transmit the data to Lyon.

3. When you are preparing an Ecomessage form, it is important to **keep all entries in the same numbered and lettered sequence**. This is important to maintain compatibility with the Interpol database. A properly prepared form will enter easily into the database – and is much more likely to produce results!

4. If the information for a particular item on the form is not available, **mark it as "unknown"** or simply leave it blank.

5. When the Ecomessage form is completed, deliver it to your local National Central Bureau (NCB). The NCB is the national contact office for Interpol. The NCB is usually located in the international affairs office of the national police agency. **Only an NCB can transmit an Ecomessage to the Interpol General Secretariat.**

## Ecomessage Form: Explanation of Required Information

### 1. Subject: Code name / Reference number Legal description of the offense

*A brief description of the offense, citation of legislation violated, and legally possible penalties*

### 2. Place and method of discovery

*Place where the offense was discovered (e.g., the name of a port or city. If on sea or open countryside, indicate distance and direction to a known reference point). Describe how the offense was discovered (e.g., customs control inspection, informant information, etc.*

### 3. Date and time

*When the offense was discovered*

### 4. Contraband products

- (i) Illegal wastes: *Specify the nature of the wastes and their place of production, or*
- (ii) Radioactive substances: *Specify the nature of the radioactive substance, or*
- (iii) Wildlife: *Specify the scientific and common names of the species involved, with a precise description of the specimen (e.g., live, dead, part or derivative, age, sex, etc.)*

**Quantity and estimated value:** *Specify the units of measure and the type of currency*

### 5. Identity of person(s) involved

**Note:** *5a-5l should be completed for each person involved.*

- (a) Date of arrest
- (b) Family name (& maiden name)
- (c) First name(s)
- (d) Sex
- (e) Alias(es)
- (f) Date and place of birth
- (g) Nationality
- (h) Address
- (i) Information contained on passport or national ID  
*Include numbers, place & date of issue, period of validity*
- (j) Profession
- (k) If any, function in any of the companies mentioned in item 6
- (l) Other information  
*Numbers of telephone, fax, vehicle, etc, plus subject's function in the offense (courier, dealer, etc.)*

### 6. Companies involved

**Note:** *Items 6a-6f must be completed for each business involved.*

- (a) Type  
*Indicate the legal type of company*
- (b) Name  
*Specify both the legal name and any trade names*
- (c) Activities

- (d) Address and telecommunications details of headquarters
- (e) Registration number
- (f) Business address & phone/fax  
*If not the same as item (d)*

**7. Means of transport and route**

*Provide maximum details on means and route of transportation for violations involving transport of contraband.*

**8. Locations**

- (a) Country and town of origin
- (b) Country of provenance  
*Country of last re-export*
- (c) Country(ies) of transit  
*As much as can be determined*
- (d) Country & address of destination documents, and the real destination, if known.  
*Both the destination declared on transport*

**9. Identification of documents used authorizations, and transport documents**

*Specify the types of documents, including permits and certificates, invoices, etc. Specify if such documents are altered or fraudulent.*

**10. Law enforcement agency**

*Specify the name and address of the agency with primary responsibility for the case, along with telecommunications information and a contact.*

**11. Modus operandi**

*Describe the modus operandi precisely, including: technique of concealment, type of packaging, photocopies of paperwork (e.g. false documents) and photos (e.g. container) that illustrate the modus operandi.*

**12. Additional information**

*Other details deemed relevant*

**13. Information requested**

*Do investigators need information available from foreign countries (e.g. details about a foreign national's arrest record or a freight forwarding company's history of violations).*

## Ecomessage Form: Fictional Example

<p>1. Subject: Code name / Reference number Legal description of the offense</p>	<p>Illegal shipment of hazardous waste Article 3 of Law/Regulation (maximum penalty: 3 years prison and/or fine)</p>
<p>2. Place and method of discovery</p>	<p>Hong Kong Harbor Discovered by routine Customs Inspection Hong Kong, China</p>
<p>3. Date and time</p>	<p>30 April 2004 at 23:00 hours</p>
<p>4. (a) Contraband products     (i) Illegal wastes     (ii) Radioactive substances     (iii) Wildlife  (b) Quantity and estimated value</p>	<p>(a) Spent liquid solvents and sludges  (b) 5 roll off containers, each containing plastic and paper waste surrounding 10 drums of liquid spent solvents, a total of 50 drums, or 800 KG Value: about U.S. \$50,000 for legal disposal</p>
<p>5. Identity of person(s) involved     (a) Date of arrest     (b) Family name (&amp; maiden name)     (c) First name(s)     (d) Sex     (e) Alias(es)     (f) Date and place of birth     (g) Nationality     (h) Address     (i) Information contained on passport or national ID     (j) Profession     (k) If any, function in any of the companies mentioned in item 6     (l) Other information</p>	<p>a) 30 April 2004 b) White c) John William d) Male  f) 18 November 1940, Manchester g) British h) Easystreet 22, Manchester, UK i) UK passport 255462 issued 21/07/99 valid to 2009 j) Waste broker k) Unknown l) None</p>
<p>6. Companies involved     (a) Type     (b) Name     (c) Activities     (d) Address and telecommunications details of headquarters     (e) Registration number     (f) Business address &amp; phone/fax</p>	<p>a) Assessment company b) Money Talk Inc. c) Assess environmental damage d) 22-26 Easystreet, Manchester, UK e) 255667 (Chamber of Commerce Manchester) f) 22-26 Easystreet, Manchester, UK, tel.fax 255678888</p>

7. Means of transport and route	By ship from Liverpool to Rotterdam to Hong Kong.
8. Locations (a) Country and town of origin (b) Country of provenance (c) Country(ies) of transit (d) Country & address of destination documents, and the real destination, if known.	a) UK c) U.K. d) China
9. Identification of documents used authorizations, and transport documents	False Export Shipping Document.
10. Law enforcement agency	General Inspection Service Customs Hong Kong, China
11. Modus operandi	Unknown.
12. Additional information	Above-mentioned company already listed in our files for illegal shipments of waste (1999, 2001, 2002)
13. Information requested	Requesting relevant Interpol NCBs for any available information.