

## BASEL CONVENTION

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# COMMUNICATION

## ENTRY INTO FORCE: AMENDMENTS TO THE BASEL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND THEIR DISPOSAL

By its decision BC-15/18, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their disposal adopted amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention, commonly referred to as the E-waste Amendments. By virtue of the amendments, the following changes were made to the Annexes:

- Annex II (waste that requires special consideration: subject to the PIC procedure): addition of new entry Y49 covering all e-wastes, its components and wastes from the processing of e-waste, except for those e-wastes covered by entry A1181 (in Annex VIII);
- Annex VIII (waste presumed to be hazardous: subject to the PIC procedure): addition of new entry A1181, and deletion of existing entry A1180;
- Annex IX (waste presumed not to be hazardous: not subject to the PIC procedure): deletion of the existing e-waste entries B1110 and B4030.

The Secretariat has the pleasure to forward to all Parties, by the present Communication, the Depositary Notification (Reference: C.N.22. 2025.TREATIES-XXVII.3) communicating the **entry into force of the E-waste Amendments**. As stated in the notification, **the Amendments became effective for all Parties to the Convention with the exception of Canada, Israel and New Zealand on 1 January 2025** in accordance with paragraphs 2 (c) and 3 of Article 18 of the Convention which read as follows:

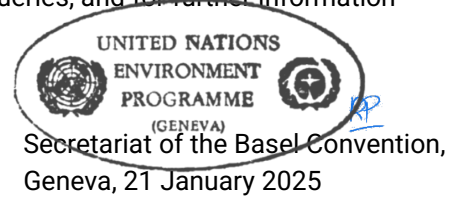
“2. (c) On the expiry of six months from the date of the circulation of the communication by the Depositary, the annex shall become effective for all Parties to this Convention or to any protocol concerned, which have not submitted a notification in accordance with the provision of subparagraph (b) above.

3. The proposal, adoption and entry into force of amendments to annexes to this Convention or to any protocol shall be subject to the same procedure as for the proposal, adoption and entry into force of annexes to the Convention or annexes to a protocol. Annexes and amendments thereto shall take due account, inter alia, of relevant scientific and technical considerations.”

Information on the status of ratifications is available on the Basel Convention website at:

<https://www.basel.int/Countries/StatusofRatifications/EwasteAmendments/tabid/10103/Default.aspx>

Please feel free to contact the Secretariat (Ms. Jackline Wanjiru, Programme Management Officer, Email: [jackline.wanjiru@un.org](mailto:jackline.wanjiru@un.org), Telephone: +41 76 542 27 32) regarding any queries, and for further information related to the entry of force of this Amendment.



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Reference: C.N.22.2025.TREATIES-XXVII.3 (Depositary Notification)

BASEL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF TRANSBOUNDARY  
MOVEMENTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND THEIR DISPOSAL

BASEL, 22 MARCH 1989

ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES II, VIII AND IX  
TO THE CONVENTION<sup>1</sup>

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,  
communicates the following:

Within the period of six months from the date of depositary notification  
C.N.220.2024.TREATIES-XXVII.3 of 1 July 2024 by which the Secretary-General communicated the  
text of amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention, three (3) of the Parties to the  
Convention (Canada, Israel and New Zealand) notified the Secretary-General, pursuant to  
article 18 (2) (b) of the Convention, that they are unable to accept the said amendments at the date of  
their entry into force.

Therefore, the amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX became effective for all Parties to the  
Convention, with the exception of Canada, Israel and New Zealand, on 1 January 2025, in accordance  
with paragraphs (2) (c) and (3) of article 18 of the Convention which read as follows:

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8 January 2025



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<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.220.2024.TREATIES-XXVII.3 of 1 July 2024  
(Amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention).