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HOW TO SOLVE THE WASTE TRADE CRISIS?



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Plastic waste trade regulations: global context




Strengths of the Basel plastic amendments

- Importing countries can refuse plastic wastes causing toxic/climate pollution;
- Incentive to improve sorting, reduce contamination;
- Incentive to relocalize plastic waste management, focus more on prevention.

Limitations of the Basel plastic amendments:

Turkey: new destination skips amendments

- Turkey is not implementing the plastic waste amendments;
- New domestic policies are not offering equivalent protection;
- There is significant evidence of mismanaged residuals from recycling imports (open burning & dumping);

A photograph showing a fire scene in a wooded area. A large pile of rocks and debris is in the foreground, with smoke rising from it. The background shows more trees and foliage. The text "Last night, the firefighters were here again." is overlaid on the bottom of the image.

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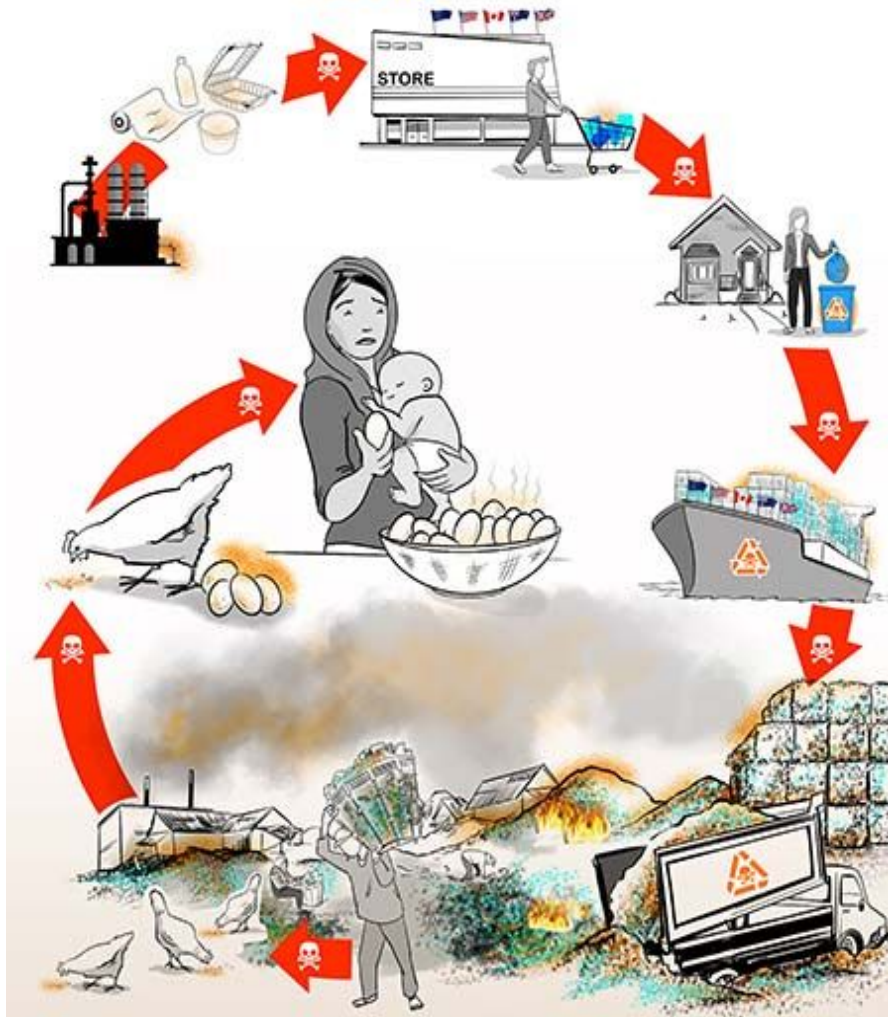
Limitations of the Basel plastic amendments: What guarantees for environmentally-sound recycling?

Investigation into
pollution through
recycling wastewater, by
Ecuadorian media
Revista Plan V, 26
January 2021:

“En Ecuador Se Lavan
Miles de Toneladas de
Deschos Plásticos
Súcios de EEUU”



En agosto de 2020, comunidades aledañas a Tambilloayacu denunciaron la contaminación de este afluente con picadillo de plástico proveniente de Paraíso. La empresa hizo la remediación y aseguró que este fue su mayor incidente. Los pobladores dicen que ese problema lleva años. Captura de video de Jorge Anhalzer



See all IPEN investigations showing the toxic impact of burning plastic wastes at:

<https://ipen.org/projects/waste-incineration-toxics-eggs>

Limitations of the Basel plastic amendments:

Article 11 agreements and the risk of loopholes



EU - They are implementing the amendments for extra-EU trade, but much lighter controls intra-EU citing themselves as an Article 11 Agreement



USA - They are not members of the Basel Convention, but signed a waste trade arrangement with Canada to continue trading non-hazardous plastic waste without controls



Canada - They have accepted the amendments but do not intend to implement them for imports to the USA, claiming their arrangement is an Article 11 agreement



Japan - They have declared they will not implement controls for waste PVC traded within the OECD as if the OECD was an Article 11 agreement but are otherwise transposing the Basel amendments



Legal Analysis of the Consequences of the OECD Non-Consensus Determination on the Basel Plastic Amendment

Legal Opinion of the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)



This legal opinion has been prepared by CIEL Attorney David Azoulay and CIEL Law Fellow Nathaniel Eisen. Please send comments or questions to dazoulay@ciel.org and neisen@ciel.org to be sure of a reply.

<https://www.ciel.org/reports/legal-analysis-of-the-consequences-of-the-oecd-non-consensus-determination-on-the-basel-plastic-amendment/>

Thank you for your attention!

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