

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1998/0307(CNS)	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Basel Convention, annexes I, VIII, IX: hazardous wastes, transboundary movements and disposal		
Subject 3.70.09 Transfrontier pollution 3.70.13 Dangerous substances, toxic and radioactive wastes (storage, transport)		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	PPE FLEMMING Marialiese	21/01/1999
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
Council of the European Union	RELA External Economic Relations	V KREISSL-DÖRFLER Wolfgang	26/01/1999
	TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events			
06/11/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0634	Summary
18/12/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/03/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
16/03/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0127/1999	
13/04/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0236/1999	Summary
09/06/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/06/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/06/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/01/2004	Additional information		Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/0307(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 174-p4; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/10633

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1998)0634 OJ C 409 30.12.1998, p. 0008	06/11/1998	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0127/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0005	16/03/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0236/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0021-0049	13/04/1999	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Basel Convention, annexes I, VIII, IX: hazardous wastes, transboundary movements and disposal

PURPOSE : Proposal for a Council Decision on the approval, on behalf of the Community, of the amendment of Annex I and the adoption of new Annexes VIII and IX to the Convention on the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal (Basel Convention), as laid down in Decision IV/9 of the Conference of the Parties. **CONTENT:** In February 1998, Decision IV/9 was adopted by consensus by the Fourth Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention. Its Annex VIII is a list of wastes that the Convention's Technical Working Groups characterised as hazardous and its Annex IX is a list of wastes that the Technical Working Group characterised as not covered by its definition. Decision IV/9 also amended Annex I, adding to it a number of explanatory notes in relation to Annexes VIII and IX. The amended and additional Annexes to the Convention will come into force for all Parties to the Convention which have not notified the Depository that they are unable to accept an Annex, six months after the date of communication of the adoption of the Annexes by the Depository, in accordance with Article 18, paragraph 2, c) of the Convention.?

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The Basle Convention of 1989 calls for a prohibition on the export of waste from industrialised to developing countries. The signatory states thought it necessary because more and more toxic waste was being exported to third world countries under the guise of "raw material" or "for recycling". The Committee agreed on March 16 to approve the amendment of Annexes I, VIII and IX of the Convention to clarify differences between hazardous and non-hazardous waste. However, rapporteur Marilies FLEMMING (EPP,A) referred to inconsistencies between the classification in the Basle Convention and that used in the European inventory of hazardous wastes. She also pointed out that the prohibition on the export of waste had not yet come into force because not enough signatories had ratified the Basle Convention. She asked the Commission to enable countries to ratify by making information and technical assistance available. ?

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Under consultation procedure, the European Parliament adopted the legislative resolution by Marialiese Flemming (PPE,AT), which approves the Commission proposal for a Council decision on the approval, on behalf of the Community, of the amendment of Annex I and the adoption of new Annexes VIII and IX to the Convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other disposal (Basel Convention), as laid down in Decision IV/9 of the Conference of the Parties.?

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As announced in Official Journal C 5 of 9 January 2004, the Commission decided to withdraw this proposal, which had become obsolete.