

AGENDA

**Second Workshop on
Environmentally Sound Management
of Wastes Destined for Recovery Operations (ESM)**



Venue:

**Wirtschaftskammer (Economic Chamber)
Wiedner Hauptstrasse 63
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AUSTRIA**

28-29 September 2000

Hosted by the Government of Austria

Second OECD Workshop on Environmentally Sound Management of Wastes Destined for Recovery Operations

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CONTEXT

Through the Working Group on Waste Management Policy (WGWMP), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has focused on developing and promulgating international policies to promote the environmentally sound management of wastes since the 1970s. Since 1982, the WGWMP has devoted considerable time and effort to develop appropriate measures for controlling transfrontier movements of recoverable wastes and ensuring that such movements are environmentally sound, compatible with the Basel Convention, and commercially viable. Authorisation for exporting wastes being most often granted on the basis of the assessment of the environmental soundness of the importing facility, there is a growing need to be able to assess such facilities according to common criteria.

For this reason, the WGWMP was given the mandate, until December 2000, to encompass the development of guidelines/standards for environmentally sound management (ESM) of recoverable wastes and adjustment of the OECD control procedures to facilitate the proper functioning of product take-back programmes and closed-loop recycling/recovery.

OBJECTIVES

As part of its work programme on environmentally sound management of recoverable wastes, the 2nd ESM Workshop is being held to explore progress on ESM to date and provide guidance for OECD's future work in this area. The workshop will:

- review experience on environmentally sound management in the OECD area;
- consider pilot guidelines/standards for environmentally sound management of personal computers;
- consider guidelines/checklists for evaluating the environmental soundness of waste management in the importing facility by competent authorities; and
- provide guidance to the WGWMP for future work in this area.

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Thursday, 28 September 2000



Registration starts at 08:30

Session 1

Room: 6 "Rudolf Sallinger"

Chair: Leif Mortensen

Experiences with ESM

Objective:

To provide experience on how ESM is ensured domestically and how countries ensure that exports of wastes are managed in an environmentally sound manner in the importing facility.

09:00-09:20

WELCOMING REMARKS

Dr. Stephan Schwarzer, Director of the Environmental Policy Department, Austrian Economic Chamber

Dr. Leopold Zahrer, Director General of the Waste Management Department, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Kurt Stangel, Head of Division III/5U, Waste Control, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

OUTLINE OF THE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE BY THE CHAIRMAN

09:20-09:50

Cheryl HEATHWOOD, ENVIRONMENT CANADA: OECD survey of environmentally sound management practises as related to recoverable wastes.

09:50-10:00

Question period

10:00-10:10

SCOPE AND GOALS OF ESM; RECAP OF CANCUN BY THE CHAIRMAN

10:10-10:20

Question period

10:20-10:50



Coffee

10:50-11:30

EXPERIENCE AND VIEWS OF VARIOUS PLAYERS ON ESM

(15 minutes per speaker; followed by a few questions from the floor)

Frits de GROOT, VNO-NCW, THE NETHERLANDS: Different stages in the process of growing to a high level of environmental management.

Amanda MONCHAMP, EIA, USA: The evolution of materials used in personal computers.

11:30-12:30

Discussion



12:30-14:00

Lunch

Session 2

Room: 6 "Rudolf Sallinger"

Chair: Andreas Jaron

Guidelines/Standards for ESM

Objective:

To explore in which areas of waste management there is a need for environmental and/or health guidelines/standards.

14:00-14:45

Robert TONETTI, US EPA: Environmentally sound management of used and scrap personal computers.

14:45-14:55

Question period

14:55-15:25

VIEWS FROM VARIOUS PLAYERS ON ESM GUIDELINES AND FUTURE NEEDS

(15 minutes per speaker)

Pierre PORTAS, SECRETARIAT OF THE BASEL CONVENTION: The Basel Convention. Environmentally sound management - a global concept with concrete applications.

Harvey ALTER, BUSINESS RECYCLING COALITION, USA: Strategic planning for an ESM system for recovery operations.

15:25-15:35

Question period

15:35-16:00



Coffee

16:00-18:00



BREAKOUT GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Group 1: Scope of ESM guidelines/standards

Room: 4

Chair: Chris Megainey

- should ESM guidelines cover only exports of waste or also domestic programmes ?;
- should ESM guidelines cover only hazardous waste, or also other wastes and non-wastes ?;
- should ESM guidelines cover the whole waste hierarchy ?;
- should OECD-wide ESM guideline targets and/or recovery/reuse/recycling targets be developed ?

Group 2: Are general ESM guidelines also needed to cover all waste management practices?

Room: 5

Chair: Kurt Stangel

- e.g., incineration and landfilling, or should guidelines be only waste stream specific ?

Group 3: Tools and instruments to ensure ESM

Room: 6

Chair: Rick Picardi

- how to ensure compliance with the guidelines ?;
- voluntary/mandatory/negotiated approaches ?

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Session 2 - Continued

Room: 6 "Rudolf Sallinger"

Chair: Andreas Jaron

Guidelines/standards for ESM

9:00-9:15

RECAP OF THURSDAY BY THE CHAIRMAN

9:15-10:00

BREAKOUT GROUPS REPORT TO PLENARY (15 minutes each Group)

10:00-10:30

Plenary discussion and conclusions
=>address in particular the scope of ESM guidelines

10:30-11:00



Coffee

Session 3

Room: 6 "Rudolf Sallinger"

Chair: Robert Tonetti

Guidelines/checklists for evaluation of the environmental soundness of an importing facility (general/waste stream specific)

Objective:

To provide competent authorities with a practical tool for evaluating the environmental soundness of waste management in the importing facility.

11:00-11:30

Sonja LOEW, FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER MANAGEMENT, AUSTRIA : Pilot checklist and explanatory memorandum for evaluation of the environmental soundness of an importing facility (Management of the waste stream: Used personal computers)

11:30-11:40

Question period

11:40-12:40

COMMENTS AND VIEWS ON POSSIBLE EVALUATION OF IMPORTING FACILITIES

Manfred MUELLNER, FEEI, AUSTRIA : Description of a planned collection and treatment system for waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE Austria) & **Renate GABRIEL**, BUREAU FOR TECHNICAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AUSTRIA : Mechanical processing of EOL EEE

Steve BUSHNELL, IBM, UK & **Arjen SALEMINK**, LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES, THE NETHERLANDS: Voluntary asset recovery programs for used electronics and the role of ESM



12:40-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:00

Plenary Discussion and conclusions
=>address in particular the compliance with guidelines !

Session 4

Room: 6 "Rudolf Sallinger"

Chair: Geoff Thompson

Guidance on OECD's Future Work

15:00-15:10

INTRODUCTION TO SESSION 4 BY THE CHAIR

15:10-16:45



BREAKOUT GROUPS DISCUSSIONS:

The three break-out groups will all consider whether the ESM work is presently on the right track (i.e., no duplication of work with other bodies) and will provide guidance and time lines for future ESM work within the OECD (where/what are the needs, gaps to fill, etc.)

16:15-16:45



Coffee

16:45-17:15

BREAKOUT GROUPS REPORT TO PLENARY

17:15-17:45

Plenary discussion and conclusions

17:45-18:00

SUMMARY: CONCLUSION OF THE WORKSHOP BY THE CHAIRMAN AND NEXT STEPS