

Waste Crime

It's all about the money money money



I. Basel Convention:

- hazardous wastes
- illegal trafficking is considered a crime

II. Ban amendment:

- not yet into force
- prohibits the export of hazardous waste to non-OECD countries

III. Regional regulations

IV. National legislative frameworks

Source: www.basel.int



Old news?

- Currently 5450 containers with waste stuck in Vietnam ports
- Investigation ongoing on the illegal treatment of mercury waste
- Information on harmful disposal of imported lead-acid batteries in Ghana
- Still 50 containers of Canadian household waste stuck in the Philippines port



Examples of gaps and loopholes

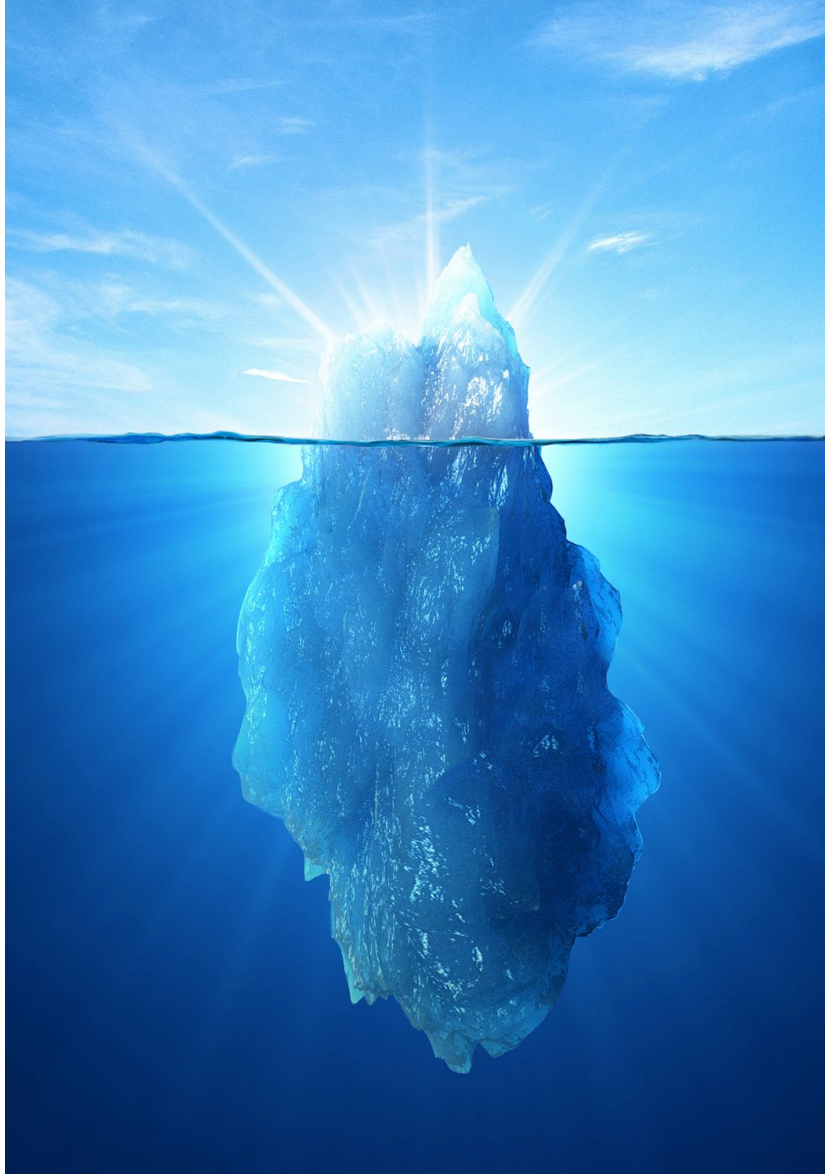
- Definition of (hazardous) waste
- Customs codes versus waste identification codes
- Gaps in coordination and collaboration at all levels
- Limited inspection resources
- Lack of prosecution



Some tricks in the trade

- Misrepresentation
- Loading tactics
- Mixing operations
- Routing
- Complex chain of actors

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Low Risk — High Profit

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