

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

Place of adoption	Basel - Switzerland
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Date of entry into force	5 May 1992
Main objective	The overarching objective of the Basel Convention is to protect human health and the environment against the adverse effects of hazardous wastes. Its scope of application covers a wide range of wastes defined as "hazardous" and based on their origin and/or composition and their characteristics as well as two types of wastes defined as "other wastes" - household waste and incinerator ash.
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United Arab Emirates	
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Decree of approval / ratification	Federal Decree No. (52) for the year 1990
<p>Notes:</p> <p>The Convention was followed by the "Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal", which aims at creating a comprehensive system of adequate and prompt liability and compensation for damage resulting from the transboundary movements and disposal of hazardous wastes and other wastes, including illicit traffic in such waste.</p> <p>Although adopted since 1999, the Protocol has yet to be entered into force as it has been signed by only 11 of the 181 members of the Convention.</p>	