Evidentiary Report of Potential e-Stewards® Violation

Case Number: 15-6-11-01

Observation Location: Intercon Solutions, 1001-59 Washington St. Chicago Heights,

IL.

Date of Observation: March 10, 2011

Attachments: Three ground photographs, screen shot of HKEPD email, HKEPD chart of contents of 5 intercepted containers, screen shot of CMA CGM container track, Google Earth satellite photo of Intercon Solutions showing angle of ground photographs

Section/s of Standard Potentially Violated:

Section	Likely Class	
4.2.1(b)	Critical	
4.3.2	Major	
4.3.2.2	Critical	
4.4.6.7(a and b)	Critical	

Case Description:

Two containers were observed and photographed by a Basel Action Network volunteer on 10 March 2011 near a brick building on the North end of the fenced property of the Intercon Solutions facility located at 1001-59 Washington St. Chicago Heights, IL. The 1st container TRLU8819960 left the Port of Los Angeles and was shipped to Dalian, China by shipping company CMA CGM on a vessel named MSC RITA (Voyage BH306W). The estimated arrival date was April 20. The 2nd container TGHU9506276 left the Port of Long Beach and was shipped to Hong Kong by CMA CGM on a vessel named CMA CGM DON PASCUALE T (Voyage X744W). Its estimated arrival date was April 25th.

Prior to arrival BAN notified the Competent authorities of China and Hong Kong that the containers may contain shipments of electronic waste which are illegal to import in accordance with the laws of China and Hong Kong. The Chinese authorities did not respond to BAN's notification. The Hong Kong Basel Convention Competent Authority (Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department) called on Hong Kong customs to intercept and search the container at the port and reported to BAN by e-mail (see attached) on May 16, 2011 that they found CRTs and batteries inside the container. As it is illegal for Hong Kong to import CRTs and batteries, they returned the container to the United States. The container TGHU9506276 arrived back in Long Beach on May 26' 2011. It was delivered to a consignee on June 3, 2011 (see return tracking printout from CMA CGM). On June 10 subsequent tracking evidence shows that the container was unloaded and delivered to a new shipper. The whereabouts of the contents are unknown.



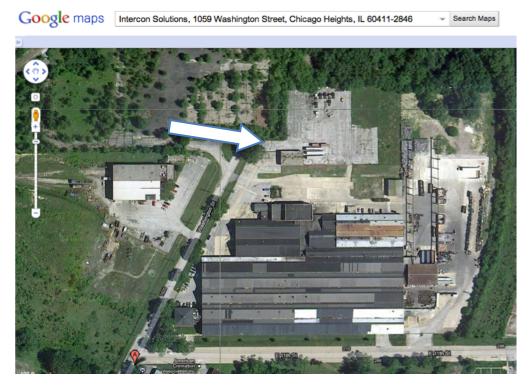
Attachment 1: Context photo of two containers, placing the containers at Intercon Solutions on March 10, 2011. Copyright BAN, 2011.



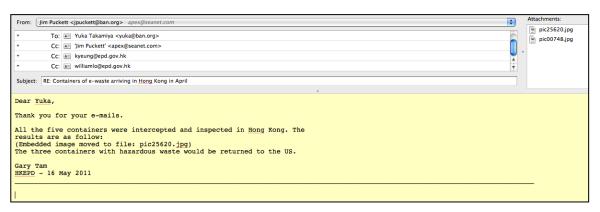
Attachment 2: Medium shot of container numbered TRLU 8819960, taken on March 10, 2011 from same location as Attachment 1 photo. Copyright BAN, 2011.



Attachment 3: Medium shot of container numbered TGHU9506276, taken on March 10, 2011 from same location as Attachment 1 photo. Copyright BAN, 2011.



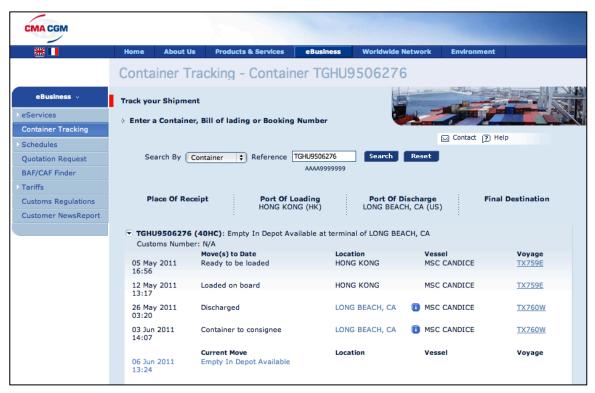
Attachment 4: Google Maps satellite photo with arrow showing vantage angle of above photographs.



Attachment 5: Screenshot of e-mail sent by HKEPD to Yuka Takamiya of BAN, May 16, 2011. Copyright BAN, 2011.

Container No.	Date of container inspection	Hazardous Waste Found
YMLU4855029	28/4/2011	No
MSKU1228602	26/4/2011	CRTs & Batteries
TGHU9506276	5/5/2011	CRTs & Batteries
SEAU8674369	29/4/2011	No
MVIU0015156	11/5/2011	Batteries

Attachment 6: Image table referred to in e-mail above, showing which shipments were considered illegal by HKEPD, May 16, 2011.



Attachment 7: Screenshot of CMA CGM website tracking system, showing container TGHU9506276 being returned to US.