EC AND BASEL DEVELOPMENTS / STUDIES
DEVELOPMENTS AT BRS SECRETARIAT

Basel Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC):

• Activity of exploring electronic approaches to controlling transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes

• Started in early 2016

• First step: Basel Parties survey
  – Expectations towards electronic approaches
  – Current status of electronic approaches
BASEL ELECTRONIC APPROACHES SURVEY

• Target audience:
  – Parties to the Convention
  – Other Stakeholders
• Survey conducted in early 2016
• „overwhelming feedback“, great demand
• Responses available online at http://www.basel.int
BASEL ELECTRONIC APPROACHES REPORT

• A report on electronic approaches was prepared for the Basel June 2016 Nairobi meeting
• Before that there have been Basel – UN/CEFACT consultations, such as at the Geneva 2016 Forum
• Quote from electronic approaches report:

  „… any further individual work by Parties to implement their own electronic approaches to notification and movement documents should take into account relevant work by UN/CEFACT specifically designed to support transboundary movements of waste.

  And if any work is commenced under the Basel Convention on electronic approaches, that work should respect UN/CEFACT standards“
DEVELOPMENTS AT EUROPEAN COMMISSION

• 2013-2014: „Feasibility Study“ (Feasibility Study for the establishment of an Electronic Data Interchange for Waste Shipments)

• 2015-2016: „EDI Protocol Study“
  – “main deliverable is a report defining the technical and organisational requirements for the practical EDI implementation” (quote from contract)
  – “objective to lay down the basis for the Commission to adopt an implementing act” (quote from contract)
EC FEASIBILITY STUDY

Study quotes:

• „... standards, such as of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) shall be analysed and taken into consideration“

• „the proposal as such is to use the EUDIN format...“
• Results delivered: Enterprise Architect model, XSD and Webservice (WSDL) specifications designed from scratch, with only the EU waste shipment regulation used as a basis

• Review results of EU member states not taken into account by contractor

• Contractor‘s comment regarding existing international standards: „develop a connector/adaptor“ (note: the data formats and processes are not even interoperable)
EC EDI PROTOCOL STUDY

Reaction to negative feedback from EU member states:

• Commission suggests to conduct a new survey
• Questions to be posed:
  – Shall work on an implementing act be started?
  – Shall Basel Electronic Approaches results be awaited?
  – Shall an existing EDI implementation be used EU-wide?
BASEL / EC CONCLUSIONS

• Basel developments provide increasing support and basis for EUDIN compliant implementation

• EC efforts started off promising, but currently leave a need for action and corrections