

Sharing of Infocomm Technology Group's Activities on Environmental Affairs

Background of the Group

- A group of Infocomm Technology (ICT) companies started to discuss on environmental topics in July 2008.
- Current participating companies
 - More than 10 major global ICT companies
- Voluntary participation
- Regional coverage
 - Commonly on Southeast Asia with some company representatives covering other countries of Asia & Australasia

Main Positions

- To act as an environmentally responsible industry and contribute to the regional countries in achieving their environmental goals
- To advocate stakeholder consultation in legislative development
- To promote the Extended Producer Responsibility ideology and practices
- To enhance level playing field among industries and other stakeholders
- To support the adoption of harmonisation and best practices on environmental legislation
- To develop cost efficient models on environmental management

Main Activities

- Information, knowledge and experience sharing and exchange of views with group members, government agencies and other stakeholders on environmental legislation development and programs in the region, such as topics on e-waste, energy, material, green procurement etc.
- Initiating and coordinating meetings with government agencies.
- Attending environmental seminars collectively.
- Working on joint feedback and proposals to government agencies; received appreciations and built rapport for ongoing consultation.
- Working on joint studies and programs or participating in government-led programs.

Possible Models Going Forward

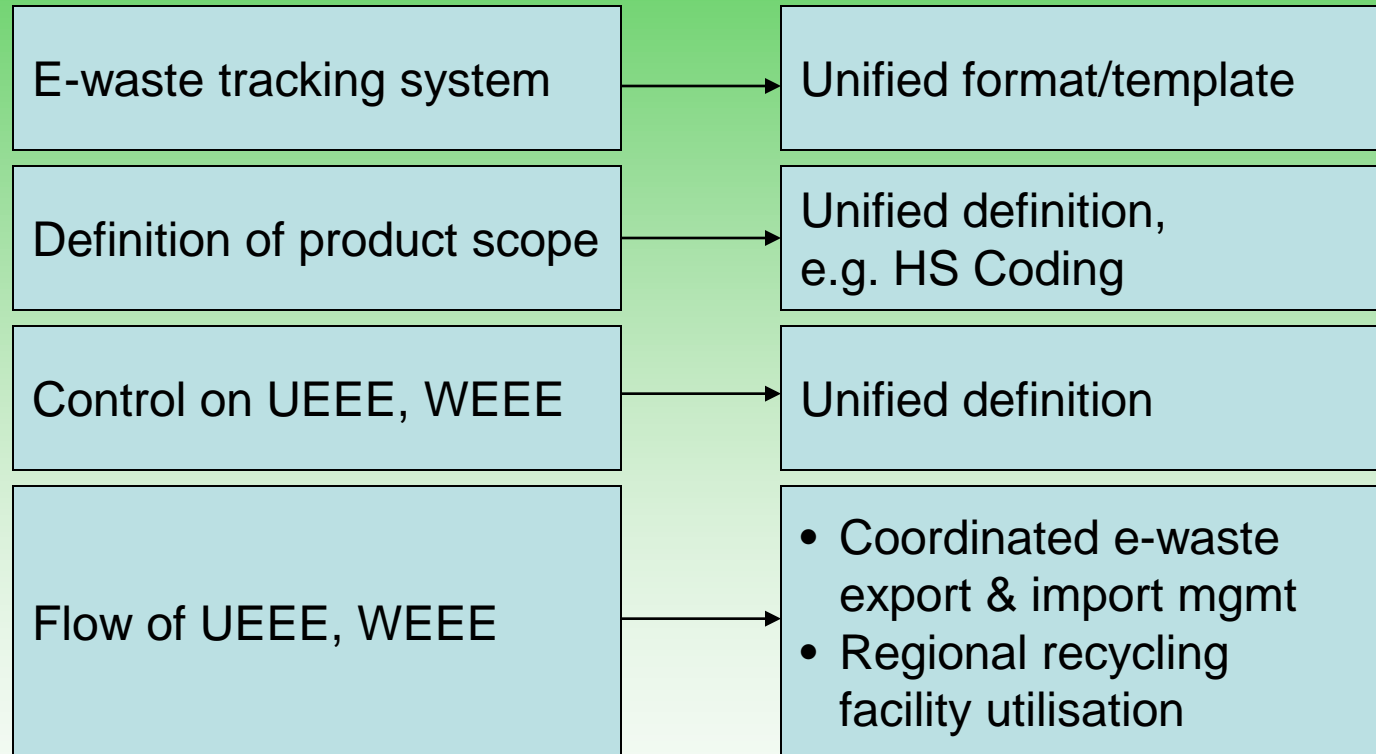
- To form an environmental working group with other stakeholders under ASEAN, UNEP/UNIDO and/or other appropriate organisations. Major benefits are:
 - Better mutual/multi-party understanding of positions and concerns among stakeholders.
 - Best practice sharing on environmental legislation development and implementation.
 - Better resource utilization for all stakeholders at various stages of environmental legislation development and management.
 - Harmonised legislation framework and management systems to promote regional technology and expertise sharing.
 - Coordinated approach on dealing with common trade and transboundary issues.

Opportunities on e-Waste Management

- To aim for a regional/sub-regional (ASEAN/SEA) harmonised WEEE management framework.
- Closer ties and more frequent exchanges (by forming a working group or task force) on WEEE legislation development for expertise sharing and better use of available resources from governments, UNEP, private sectors and other stakeholders.
- Sharing of pilot/voluntary programs and studies (Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam).
- Coordinated approach on e-waste export and import management as well as recycling technology and facility utilisation.

Opportunities on e-Waste Management

- Specific Areas of Harmonising at Regional/Sub-regional Level



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