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Coordinated implementation of multilateral environment agreements

Multilateral environment agreements

- Current chemicals and waste cluster
 - Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
 - Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
 - Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Minamata Convention on Mercury
 - Yet to enter into force
 - Cooperative measures with other Conventions underway
 - Building on previous experience



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Key controls common to the MEAs

There are a number of areas with commonalities between the MEAs:

- International trade
- Controls on manufacturing
- Control measures on air emissions
- Control measures on releases to water
- Waste management
- Contaminated sites



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Information and awareness raising obligations

These provisions are very similar between the Stockholm Convention and the Minamata Convention:

- Facilitate exchange of range of information
- Public access to information
- Research, development and monitoring
- Implementation plans
- Reporting – required by all Parties
- Effectiveness evaluation



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Coordinated implementation

In implementing the Minamata Convention, it should be considered those controls in place under existing MEAs, although for other substances:

- Import and export (Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm, Montreal)
- Manufacture (Stockholm, certain controls under Rotterdam)
- Emissions (Stockholm)
- Storage and waste (Basel, Stockholm)
- Contaminated sites (Stockholm)



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Coordinated implementation Secretariat

- Interim secretariat of the Minamata Convention works closely with Secretariat of Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- Developing harmonised documents and methodologies for:
 - Import/export requirements
 - Exemptions
 - Reporting
- Working together on joint training to build on experience from previous work



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Review current controls

- Undertake a Roadmap exercise
 - Identify control legislation capable of implementing Minamata – may be already in place
- Review should always consider initially what can be done with existing legal structure
- Implementation of Minamata Convention could be an opportunity to improve harmonised implementation
 - Review should consider opportunities for simplification and harmonisation of controls for other conventions



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