

**Secretariat of the Convention to  
Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of  
Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control  
the Transboundary Movement and Management of  
Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region  
(Waigani Convention)**

**Questionnaire on “Transmission of Information”  
by Articles 7 & 14 of the  
Waigani Convention**

**Reporting for the year 2024**

*Please fill in the following*

**Country:** Solomon Islands **Date when form completed(D/M/Y):** 18/08/25

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## INTRODUCTION

The Parties to the Waigani Convention are required, in accordance with Articles 7 and 14 of the Convention, to inform each other, through the Secretariat of the Waigani Convention, on issues related to the implementation of the Waigani Convention. To facilitate reporting by Parties, under both the Basel and Waigani Conventions, the secretariat has revised and adapted the questionnaire on “Transmission of Information” as developed under the Basel Convention to meet the reporting requirements under the Waigani Convention. The questionnaire consists of two parts, namely:

Part I: Status of information and;

Part II: Annual reporting.

All Parties should complete Part I: Status of Information of the questionnaire for a certain calendar year which might only need to be updated for any subsequent year.

**Part I: Status of information** covers issues such as designation of Competent Authority and Focal Point; national definition of waste; national definition of hazardous waste; restrictions on transboundary movement of hazardous and radioactive wastes; control procedure of the transboundary movement of waste; reduction and/or elimination of the generation of hazardous wastes; reduction of the amount of hazardous wastes subject to transboundary movement; effect on human health and the environment; bilateral, multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements; disposal and recovery facilities and sources of assistance.

**Part II: Annual reporting** covers those issues for which reporting is required on an annual basis. For the ease of electronic reporting and processing of the reported data/information, Part II: Annual reporting is divided into two sections namely, Section A and Section B.

Part II: Section A covers issues such as export/import hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes and the generation of hazardous wastes.

Part II: Section B covers issues such as disposals, which did not proceed as intended and accidents occurring during the transboundary movement and disposal of hazardous wastes.

Some of the general guidelines to fill in the questionnaire are:

- Complete the questionnaire in English.
- Ensure that all quantities are in metric tonnes.
- Complete the questionnaire by providing information/data in the required format.
- Provide an electronic version of the completed questionnaire, if possible or handwritten in block letter for legibility.

The questionnaire and the manual are available both in hard copy as well as in electronic version from the Waigani Convention Secretariat

## PART I: STATUS OF INFORMATION (for the year....)

*Note: If there is any update to the pre-filled answer provided in the middle column by your country to this query since the last update, please indicate so on the right column and update all relevant information accordingly!*

1	Competent Authority and Focal Point	Updated?														
1a	<p><b>Is there a designated Competent Authority to the Waigani Convention?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes           <input type="checkbox"/> No           <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation         </p> <p>If yes, please provide:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Name</td><td>Josef Hurutarau</td></tr> <tr> <td>Title:</td><td>Director- Environment &amp; Conservation Division</td></tr> <tr> <td>Address:</td><td>Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management &amp; Meteorology P.O Box 21, Honiara, Solomon Islands.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tel:</td><td>+677 26036 or 23031</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fax:</td><td>+677 28054</td></tr> <tr> <td>E-mail:</td><td><a href="mailto:JHurutarau@mecdm.gov.sb">JHurutarau@mecdm.gov.sb</a></td></tr> <tr> <td>Official Web site:</td><td><a href="http://www.mecdm.gov.sb">www.mecdm.gov.sb</a></td></tr> </table>	Name	Josef Hurutarau	Title:	Director- Environment & Conservation Division	Address:	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology P.O Box 21, Honiara, Solomon Islands.	Tel:	+677 26036 or 23031	Fax:	+677 28054	E-mail:	<a href="mailto:JHurutarau@mecdm.gov.sb">JHurutarau@mecdm.gov.sb</a>	Official Web site:	<a href="http://www.mecdm.gov.sb">www.mecdm.gov.sb</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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1b	<p><b>Is there a designated Focal Point to the Waigani Convention?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes           <input type="checkbox"/> No           <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation         </p> <p>If yes, please provide:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Name:</td><td>Debra Kereseka</td></tr> <tr> <td>Title:</td><td>Deputy Director-Environment &amp; Conservation Division</td></tr> <tr> <td>Address:</td><td>Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management &amp; Meteorology P.O Box 21, Honiara, Solomon Islands.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tel:</td><td>+677 26036 or 23031</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fax:</td><td>+677 28054</td></tr> <tr> <td>E-mail:</td><td><a href="mailto:DKereseka@mecdm.gov.sb">DKereseka@mecdm.gov.sb</a></td></tr> <tr> <td>Official Web site:</td><td><a href="http://www.mecdm.gov.sb">www.mecdm.gov.sb</a></td></tr> </table>	Name:	Debra Kereseka	Title:	Deputy Director-Environment & Conservation Division	Address:	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology P.O Box 21, Honiara, Solomon Islands.	Tel:	+677 26036 or 23031	Fax:	+677 28054	E-mail:	<a href="mailto:DKereseka@mecdm.gov.sb">DKereseka@mecdm.gov.sb</a>	Official Web site:	<a href="http://www.mecdm.gov.sb">www.mecdm.gov.sb</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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2	<b>Wastes Controlled for the Purpose of Transboundary Movement</b>	Updated?														
2a	<p><b>Is there a national definition of <u>waste</u> used for the purpose of transboundary movements of waste?</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes           <input type="checkbox"/> No           <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation         </p> <p>If yes, please provide the text of the national definition of waste (use additional space/attachment, if required):</p> <p><b>Under the Environment Bill 2023 “waste” means</b>          (a) any material, solid, liquid or gas, or any combination of them, whether hazardous, non-hazardous, toxic or non-toxic that is without purpose, use or value to the holder that is likely to cause pollution; and          (b) prescribed by regulation to be waste.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No														

2b	<b>Is there a national definition of hazardous waste used for the purpose of transboundary movements of waste?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation	
	If yes, please provide the text of the national definition of hazardous waste (use additional space/attachment, if required):	
	<p>Under the Environment Bill 2023 , “<b>hazardous waste</b>” means waste as prescribed by Annex 1 of Basel Convention and Waigani Convention and that may be prescribed by section 39</p> <p>Additionally definition is captured under the definition of “<i>dangerous substance</i>” means a substance or preparation that is any of the following:</p> <p>(a) oxidising;          (b) flammable;          (c) toxic;          (d) persistent;          (e) harmful to human health;          (f) corrosive;          (g) an irritant;</p>	
2c	<b>Does your country regulate/control any additional wastes as hazardous that are not included in Art. 2 (1)a of the Waigani Convention and would be controlled for the purpose of transboundary movements pursuant to Art. 2 (1)b?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation	
	If yes, please specify those wastes (use additional space/attachment, if required):	
2d	<b>Are there any wastes other than those identified in above questions 2b and 2c that require special consideration when subjected to transboundary movement?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation	
	If yes, specify (use additional space/attachment, if required):	
3	<b>Restrictions on Transboundary Movement Wastes and Radioactive Wastes</b>	<b>Updated?</b>
3a	<b>Have the provisions of Article 4.1 (a) or (b) of the Waigani Convention, where applicable, been implemented in your country?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation	
	Remarks:	

<b>3b</b>	<b>Are there any restrictions on the <u>export</u> of hazardous and radioactive wastes for <u>final disposal</u> (Annex V) in your country?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation	
	If yes, please provide the following:	
(i)	Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:	
(ii)	Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:	
(iii)	Remarks:	
<b>3c</b>	<b>Are there any restrictions on the <u>export</u> of hazardous and radioactive wastes for <u>recovery</u> (Annex V B) in your country?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation	
	If yes, please provide the following:	
(i)	Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:	
(ii)	Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:	
(iii)	Remarks:	
<b>3d</b>	<b>Are there any restrictions on the <u>import</u> of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes for <u>final disposal</u> (Annex V A) in your country?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation	
	If yes, please provide the following:	
(i)	Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:	
	Environment Act 1998	
(ii)	Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:	
	In 2002, a proposal by Taiwan to dump up to three million tonnes of industrial waste containing lead, mercury and arsenic in Makira Province was met with public protest and was not approved.	
(iii)	Remarks:	

3e	<b>Are there any restrictions on the <u>import</u> of hazardous and radioactive wastes for recovery (Annex V B) in your country?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation	
	If yes, please provide the following:	
(i)	Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:	
(ii)	Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:	
(iii)	Remarks:	
3f	<b>Are there any restrictions on the <u>transit</u> of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes through your country?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation	
	If yes, please provide the following:	
(i)	Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:	
(ii)	Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:	
(iii)	Remarks:	
4	<b>Control Procedure of the Transboundary Movement of Wastes</b>	<b>Updated?</b>
4a	<b>Are the Notification and Movement document forms of the Waigani Convention used and/or accepted in the control of transboundary movement of hazardous wastes?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation	
(i)	If yes, have there been any problems in the usage of the Notification and Movement document forms?	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	If you have encountered any problem, please explain:	
	Some of the business involved in export off the Hazardous waste do not provide complete and required information which caused delay in receiving notifications from country of import.	
(ii)	Provide information on any other forms which are used and/or accepted in the control of transboundary movement of hazardous.	
	:	

	Basel convention form	
<b>4b</b>	<b>Is the border control for the purpose of export/import/transit of hazardous wastes was established?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation
(i)	Is the Harmonized System on customs control of the World Customs Organization used?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In preparation
(ii)	Remarks:	
	The Customs Office in Solomon Islands are engaged in national trainings focused on Waigani Convention held in 2016 organized by SPREP and recently in November 2024 organized by SPREP and the Pacific Subregional office. A staff from Customs was also part of the regional training held in Suva, Fiji previously organized by SPREP.	

5	Reduction and/or Elimination of the <u>Generation</u> of Hazardous Wastes	Updated?		
	<b>Describe measures taken for the reduction and/or elimination of the amount of hazardous wastes <u>generated</u>:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i)	National strategies/policies:			
	There existing some national strategies/policies including; -National Waste Management & Pollution Control Strategy 2017-2026 - National Healthcare Waste Strategic Action Plan -National Hazardous Waste Management Strategy ( to be developed through the support of the GEF Islands Project)			
(ii)	Legislation, regulations and guidelines:			
	-Environment Act 1998 (to be repealed and replaced with Environment Bill 2023) -Environment Regulation 2008 (to be repealed and replaced with a new regulation once the Environment Bill 2023 if passed in parliament this year) -Pharmacy and Poisons Act - Safety at Work Act (utilized to regulate importation of pesticides and fertilizers) - Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) regulated under Montreal Protocol (regulates importation of ODS substances usage in country)			
(iii)	Economic instruments/initiatives:			
	-All ODS imports into SI are required to get a permit from Energy ODS unit and pay a fee at the Ministry of Finance (without any system for collection and recycling or recovery in place) - There is a local company based in Honiara City and involved in collection of used lead acid batteries (cars, solar systems) from areas in Honiara and surrounding communities on Guadalcanal Province and pays at \$15/kg.			
(iv)	Measures taken by industries/waste generators:			
	-Major industries/waste generators are moving towards sustainable practices due to shift in company sustainability policies. -For example, ➤ Solomon Tobacco Company are recycling their wastewater for use in the convenience rooms as part of their Water Stewardship program and encouraging the reuse of cardboard boxes, reusing wooden pallets and cigarette dusts as compost material. -Some of the major industries/waste generators such as Solbrew, Solomon Tobacco, GPPOL are members of the SI Recycling Association to strengthen the collaboration between the recycling companies and industries. -Some of the industries have a sustainability Policy which requires their operation to reduce/minimize waste or to aim towards zero waste production			
(v)	Others:			



<b>6</b>	<b>Reduction of the Amount of Hazardous Wastes <u>Subject to the Transboundary Movement</u></b>	<b>Updated?</b>		
	<b>Describe measures taken for the reduction of the amount of hazardous wastes <u>subject to the transboundary movement</u>:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(i)	National strategies/policies: National Waste Management and Pollution Control Strategy			
(ii)	Legislation, regulations and guidelines: Environment Act 1998 Environment Regulation 2008 EIA Guideline 2010			
(iii)	Economic instruments/initiatives:			
(iv)	Measures taken by industries/waste generators:			
(v)	Others:			
<b>7</b>	<b>Effect on Human Health and the Environment</b>	<b>Updated?</b>		
	<b>Please provide information relevant to your country (e.g. activities, effects, regions, period covered and the sources of data/information) relevant to your country on any available statistics, studies, monitoring reports, etc. which have been compiled on the effects of the generation, collection, handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous wastes on human health and the environment or provide contact information on where this could be found:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



<b>Table 2</b> <b>Disposal Facilities Operated within the National Jurisdiction</b> Please provide the following information <u>OR</u> indicate the source from where such information could be obtained:				Updated?	
Facility/operation or process (Name, address, organization/company, etc.)				Yes	No
Description of the facility, operation or process		Disposal operation (Annex VA) D code	Capacity of the facility (in metric tonnes)	Does the facility treat wastes imported Yes/No	
Ranadi Landfill		D1		No	
Solomon Ports Authority		D10		Yes. For quarantine waste from Shipping Vessels only ( Tourist boats,etc)	
National Referral Hospital		D10		No	
GPPOL		D4		No	
Design Technology Center		D15		No	
Solomon Tobacco Company ( BAT)		D4		No	
Solomon Breweries Ltd		D4		No??	
Solomon Water		D6		No	
Good Samaritan Hospital		D10		No	

Gizo Hospital	Incinerator for healthcare waste from the Gizo Hospital in Western Province	D10		No
Tulagi Hospital	Incinerator for healthcare waste from the Tulagi Hospital in Central Province	D10		No
Helena Goldie Hospital	Incinerator for healthcare waste from the Helena Goldie Hospital in Western Province	D10		No
Gizo Landfill	A open area for municipal waste disposal including for asbestos, healthcare and bulky wastes from Gizo town	D1		No
Gold Ridge Mining Company	Waste Rock Dump from mining operation	D1		No
<b>OR</b>				
Sources of information from where such information could be obtained:	Honiara City Council ( Honiara Ranadi landfill) Ministry of Health & Medical Services ( National Referral Hospital Incinerator) Solomon Ports Authority ( Ports Incinerator)			
Remarks:				

<b>Table 3</b> <b>Recovery Facilities Operated within the National Jurisdiction</b> Please provide the following information <u>OR</u> indicate the source from where such information could be obtained:				Updated?	
				Yes	No
Facility/operation or process (Name, address, organization/company, etc.)	Description of the facility, operation or process	Recovery operation (Annex VB) R code	Capacity of the facility (in metric tonnes)	Does the facility treat wastes imported Yes/No	
Design Technology Center	A facility that is engaged in pyrolysis system utilizing plastic waste into energy (gas) and now expanded to Used Oil Management Storage facility	R1	N/A	No	
St. Martins Rural Training Center	An academic institution that is engaged in the pyrolysis system and trained by Design Technology Center	R1	N/A	No	
Divit Rural Training Center	An academic institution that is engaged in the pyrolysis system and trained by Design Technology Center	R1	N/A	No	
St.Marys Rural Training Center	An academic institution that is engaged in the pyrolysis system and trained by Design Technology Center	R1	N/A	No	



**Annex 8A**

National Disaster Management Officer, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change , Disaster Management & Meteorology						Yes	
Honiara City Council		Yes				Yes	
Environment Health Division		Yes				Yes	
USP SI Campus			Yes				
SINU			Yes				
Research Division/Ministry of Agriculture		Yes					Yes
<b>OR</b>							
Sources of information from where such information could be obtained:	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology , RSIPF (Fire Service), Customs/MOFT, MHMS, MMERE, SPE Analytical, USP, SINU, Ministry of Agriculture						
Remarks:							

<b>Table 5</b> <b>Sources of Financial Assistance</b> Please list institutions within your country that could be contacted by other Parties for financial assistance, if required:							<b>Updated?</b>	
							Yes	No
Name and address of institutions	Field of Assistance							
	Notification system	Management of hazardous wastes	Environmentally sound technologies	Assessment of disposal capabilities and sites	Monitoring of hazardous wastes	Emergency response	Identification of cases of illegal traffic	
UNDP		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	
AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes	
NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes	
CHINA EMBASSY	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	
JAPANESE EMBASSY	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

WORLD BANK		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
ADB		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
<b>OR</b>							
Sources of information from where such information could be obtained:	Environment and Conservation Division, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology						
Remarks:							