

# Navigating the legal jungle surrounding UEEE and WEEE shipment

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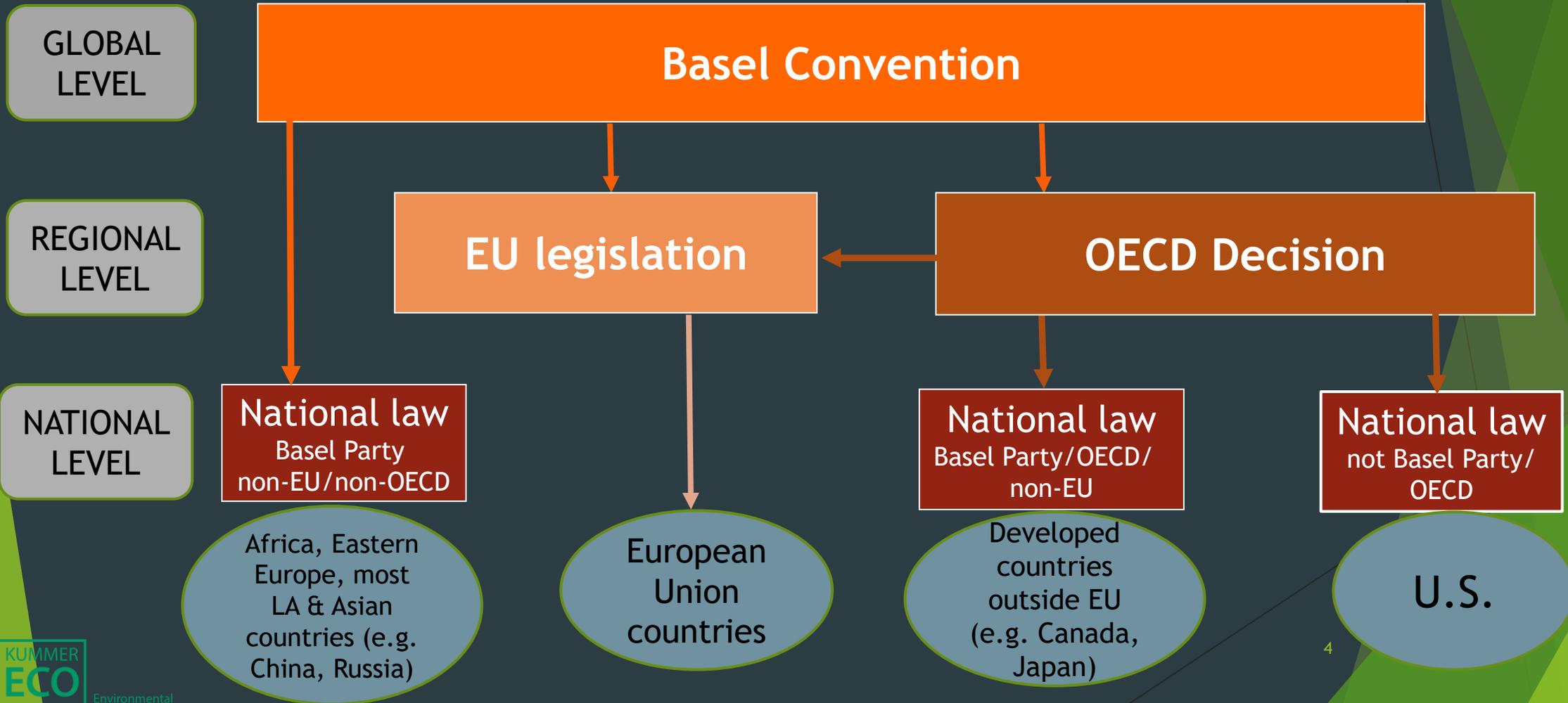
# But what if the Circular Economy takes place across national borders?

**Management of UEEE and WEEE often takes place in decentralized facilities around the world**

- Devices and their parts are shipped across national borders to and from different facilities
- Shipments are subject to legislation on export and import of UEEE / WEEE



# Legal framework for international UEEE/WEEE shipments



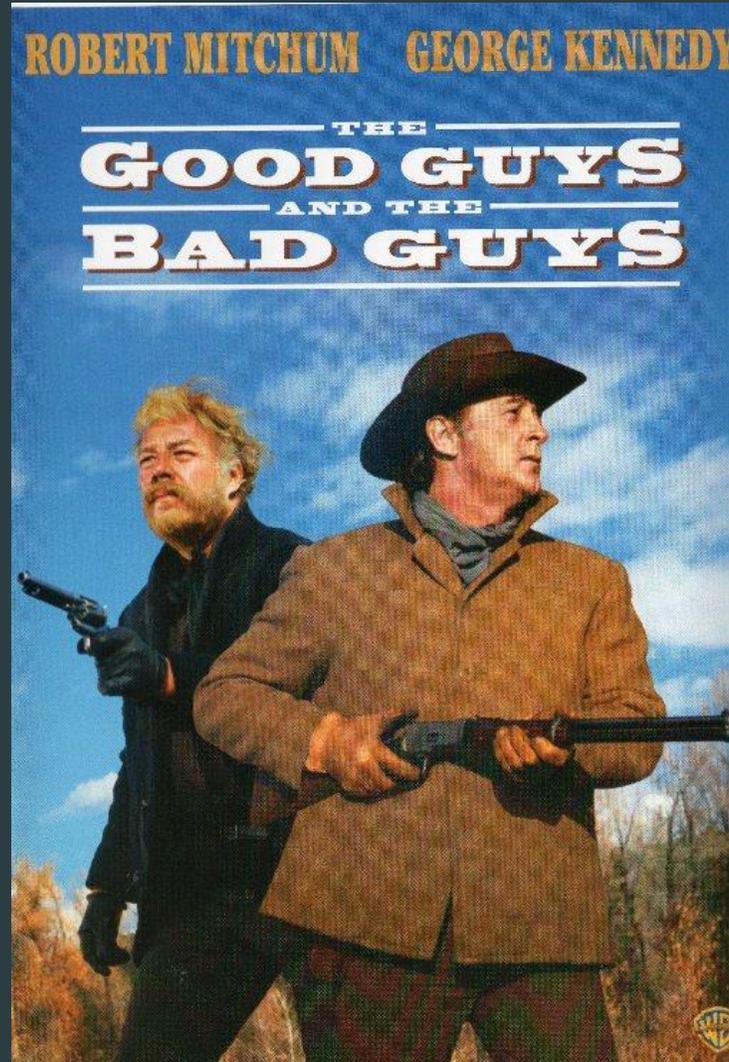


# A legal jungle

- Huge differences in national definitions & requirements for import, export & transit!
- In many countries
  - ❖ Legislation only partially developed
  - ❖ Different pieces of contradictory legislation apply to UEEE/WEEE
  - ❖ Not clear which legal rules apply to UEEE/WEEE
  - ❖ No legislation on UEEE/WEEE, classified uniformly as hazardous waste & banned for import/export
  - ❖ Inconsistencies in application of the law
  - ❖ Policy decisions not in line with legislation

As a result...

Companies wanting to abide by the rules find it very difficult, costly and time consuming to do so...



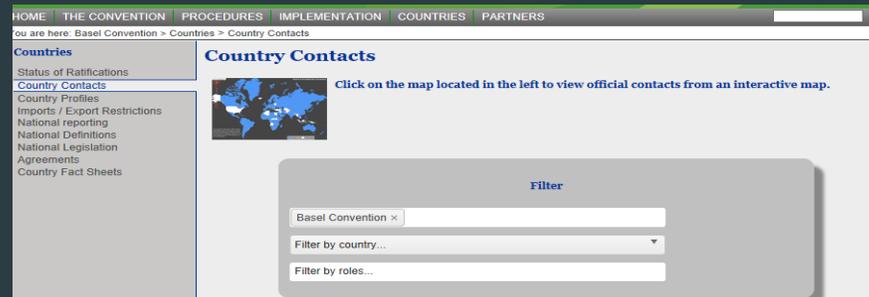
... while illegal operators can easily exploit the legal inconsistencies

# The way forward?

## Company / industry association

- ▶ Careful assessment of legal requirements for each shipment of a particular device/material
- ▶ Verify assessment with national authorities - contact details on Basel Convention Website:

<http://www.basel.int/Countries/CountryContacts/tabid/1342/Default.aspx>



- ▶ Development of analysis, guidance materials, decision trees for priority countries



# Baseline checklist for international shipments of UEEE/WEEE

1. Determine possible shipment route
2. For each country: determine applicability of Basel Convention, OECD Decision, EU legislation, regional agreements
3. Preliminary analysis of international/national legislation applicable in each country:
  - ▶ What is the country's definition of waste, and of hazardous waste?
  - ▶ Is the material you intend to ship covered by one or both definitions? Is a technical analysis of the material needed to determine this?
  - ▶ If so, is the material banned for export, import, and/or transit?
  - ▶ If not banned, what are the procedures to be followed? What documents must accompany the shipment?
4. Reconsider possible shipment route in light of preliminary analysis
5. Contact competent authority of each country to verify analysis and discuss modalities of shipment

# The way forward?

## Policy and development cooperation

- ▶ Include building of a solid legal framework into comprehensive development projects on WEEE/UEEE management
- ▶ Joint project between interested company and government to develop legislation on UEEE / WEEE shipment
- ▶ **Other ideas?**



# Thank you!

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