

WORKSHOP REPORT



Regional Workshop on Control and Monitoring of ODS Consumption for the Caribbean Region



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Workshop on Control and Monitoring of ODS Consumption for the Caribbean Region was the fourth of a series of similar workshops designed and organised by UNEP for developing countries in the English speaking Africa, Asian, Caribbean and Latin American regions. The workshop for the Caribbean region was approved by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund at its 23rd Meeting.

The objective of the workshop was to enable the participating countries to set up and implement efficient legal systems and institutional frameworks to control and monitor their ODS consumption, in particular imports and exports.

It was expected that with the assistance and information received at the workshop each participating country's team would develop an action plan to establish an efficient legal system and a necessary institutional framework to control and monitor the ODS imports and exports in their own country and to implement these measures.

26 participants from 12 countries registered for the workshop. The participants were national ozone officers, customs administration officers and supervisors of ministerial level.

The workshop was structured through :

- Plenary presentations where the speakers were dealing with the most important problems concerning control and monitoring of ODS in view of ODS import/export licensing system
- Working sessions where the participants could discuss their own opinions on the issues covered by the workshop as well as work out the suggestions for plans of actions to be undertaken in their countries.

The workshop agenda included, *inter alia*, presentations by the representatives of two countries of the region (St. Lucia and Trinidad&Tobago), and invited experts from Environment Canada and Ozone Layer Protection Unit of Poland. It also included the following four working sessions:

1. Systems currently in place in participating countries
2. Establishing an import/export licensing system
3. Practical use of an import/export licensing system
4. National action plans

During the workshop, the participants had an opportunity to acquire valuable information on the existing related requirements of the Montreal Protocol as well as on the ODS import/export licensing systems already in place, methods of establishing such systems, options for their design and their practical suitability for monitoring and control of ODS consumption. The participants had also the opportunity to discuss their own situation with regard to these issues and share experience with their colleagues from the English-speaking countries from the Caribbean region.

It was very important that at the same time countries with no experience in ODS import/export control were advised on how to select, establish and run import/export control systems and countries with some level of experience could acquire information that might help them to improve their own systems.

The participants of the Workshop drafted conclusions and recommendations where they pointed out that import/export permits should be used not only to monitor, but also to limit consumption of ODS and that all ODS should be controlled, including ODS-containing mixtures. They encouraged countries of the region to adopt accelerated ODS-phaseout schedules. They also agreed that there is a need for training of key personnel responsible for the implementation and execution of the monitoring and control systems provided that necessary technical and financial support is given. Evaluation results show that the workshop was, in general, highly appreciated by the participants.

A key outcome from the workshop was that the participants developed action plans concerning establishment or improvement of ODS import/export licensing systems in their countries as well as proposals for institutional frameworks necessary to deal with such system in practice.

1. BACKGROUND

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According to the Montreal Protocol, the developing countries (Article 5(1) countries) must freeze their consumption of five main chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) by 1 July 1999 at the average 1995-97 level, and then start reducing and eliminating the consumption of the CFCs and other ODS. Under the MP, each country must report its ODS consumption, defined as import plus production minus export of the controlled chemicals, to the Parties of the Montreal Protocol through Ozone Secretariat.

A legal system to control and monitor the ODS imports and exports is then of vital importance for the governments to fulfill these requirements. Moreover, having an import/export licensing system has become mandatory under the latest Amendment to the Protocol approved by the Parties in Montreal in September 1997. Legal restrictions on the production of ODS are also necessary but will have less practical impact in most developing countries, as relatively few of them produce ODS.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objective of the workshop was to enable the participating countries to set up and implement efficient legal systems and institutional frameworks to control and monitor their ODS consumption, in particular imports and exports.

3. EXPECTED RESULTS

It was expected that at the end of the workshop each participating country's team would develop an action plan showing how to establish or improve a legal system and a necessary institutional framework to control and monitor the ODS imports and exports in their own country and how to implement these measures. After the workshop, these officers were expected to further develop proposals for such system/framework for discussions with and decisions by the appropriate bodies.

It was understood that the information acquired at this workshop and from the UNEP Resource Module on ODS Import/Export Licensing should make the participants adequately equipped for this work at the national level.

4. PARTICIPANTS

26 participants from 12 English-speaking countries of the Caribbean region registered for the Workshop. Six countries represented at the workshop (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Jamaica and St. Vincent&the Grenadines) were Parties to the Montreal Protocol and its London and Copenhagen Amendments, two (Dominica and Grenada) were Parties to the Montreal Protocol and its London Amendments and four (Guyana, St. Lucia and St.Kitts&Nevis and Trinidad&Tobago) were parties to the Montreal Protocol only. The complete list of participants is presented in ANNEX 10.2.

The target audience was the ozone officers in charge of co-ordinating ODS strategies and key officers from ministries which control import and export in general and chemicals in particular from each country.

The presence of both the ozone officers dealing with ozone layer protection issues in their daily practice as well as customs officers was necessary to ensure that the need for establishing an ODS import/export licensing system would be well understood by the main stake holders and that the necessary cooperation would be started.

5. METHODOLOGY

The workshop was structured in such a way that the participants could receive the information from others and share their own experience through :

- Plenary presentations where the speakers were dealing with the most important problems concerning control and monitoring of ODS in view of ODS import/export licensing system
- Working sessions where the participants could express and exchange their own opinions on the issues covered by the workshop as well as work out the suggestions for plans of actions to be undertaken in their countries. There were brief introductions given to each of the working sessions by the discussion facilitator. At the working sessions the participants were divided into working groups, usually consisting of country teams. The working groups were structured differently for each working session. Countries with some experience and without any experience were put together. Each working group selected its own discussion moderator and rapporteur who represented this group at the plenary discussion of the results of a particular working session. Discussion facilitators visited each of the working groups during the working sessions.

The participants were given all workshop documents, including resource material, presentations and introductions to the working sessions at the start of the workshop.

6. CONTENTS

The workshop agenda included, *inter alia*, the welcome address, keynote opening address and vote of thanks by the host country (St. Lucia), UNEP address and presentations by the representatives of two countries of the region (St. Lucia and Trinidad&Tobago), Ozone Secretariat, and invited experts from Environment Canada and the Ozone Layer Protection Unit of Poland. It also included the following four working sessions :

1. Systems currently in place in participating countries
2. Establishing an import/export licensing system
3. Practical use of an import/export licensing system
4. National action plans

Presentations given at the workshop are briefly summarized below :

Mr. G. Bankobeza from the Ozone Secretariat (UNEP, Nairobi) presented the phaseout schedules for the controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol. He also presented the reporting requirements and actions to be taken by the Parties to implement decisions by the Meetings of the Parties which were dealing with ODS licensing systems and control of export of products and equipment using ODS or designed to be used with ODS. He encouraged the countries of the region to ratify all Amendments to the Montreal Protocol and explained what are the advantages of doing so.

Mr. B. Made from Environment Canada described the import/export licensing system introduced in Canada to monitor and control ODS traffic. Based on Canada's experience he discussed the problems that have to be solved in implementing such system in practice giving special attention to training of customs officers, as well as building awareness of these problems in the ODS users, dealers and importers and even general public.

Mr. B. Tulsie from the Ministry of Planning (St. Lucia) presented the planned ODS control and monitoring system in his country. He suggested the possible amendments to relevant regulations that will be necessary to implement such system in St. Lucia.

Mr. F. A. John from Customs and Excise Division, Ministry of Finance (Trinidad&Tobago) presented the import/export licensing system presently used in his country for ODS monitoring. He pointed out the need for introducing the appropriate ODS import/export control measures, eg. import/export permits, to meet the requirements of the Montreal Protocol concerning ODS consumption that has become mandatory for Article 5 countries.

Dr. J. Kozakiewicz from the Ozone Layer Protection Unit Poland presented steps to be taken in establishing an import/export licensing system in any country. He pointed out the need of establishing both suitable legislation and well designed institutional framework to deal with monitoring and control of ODS. Based on his experience in preparation and implementation of such system he explained how to design and complete application forms used for import/export

permits as well as how to monitor and control ODS under such system He also presented certain issues to be taken into account when dealing with ODS import/export including proper use of customs codes and avoiding illegal trade and explained problems that may be faced in practice.

Mr. H. Koeppen from UNEP IE (Paris) introduced UNEP's video film "Saving the Ozone Layer: Every Action Counts" by describing detrimental effects of ozone layer. He also presented the new UNEP IE resource module designed to be used by the National Ozone Units in Article 5(1) countries for the implementation of import/export licensing systems. The module was distributed to the participants before the workshop as the main resource document.

The workshop proceedings, containing, *inter alia*, the presentations as well as introductions and training materials to working sessions, is available upon request from the UNEP IE OzonAction Programme.

7. RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

During the workshop, the participants had an opportunity to acquire valuable information on the existing requirements of the Montreal Protocol concerning ODS as well as on the ODS import/export licensing systems already in place, methods of establishing such systems, options for their design and their practical suitability for monitoring and control of ODS consumption. The participants had also opportunity to discuss their own situation with regard to these issues and share experience with their colleagues from the other English-speaking countries of the Caribbean region.

It was very important that at the same time countries with no experience in ODS import/export control were advised on how to select, establish and run import/export system and countries with some level of experience could acquire information that might help them to improve their own systems. It is anticipated that the workshop helped to forge stronger links between officers in the region involved in ozone layer protection. There were even suggestions by the participants for common actions to be undertaken in the framework of the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC). Such initiatives should be considered very important for ensuring better control of ODS import/export in the region.

Results of working sessions 1-3 are presented below. Working session 4 (national action plans) will be described under chapter 8 : follow-up action plan.

Results of working session 1 : systems currently in place in participating countries

The purpose of this session was to review the current situation in the participating countries as regards ODS monitoring and control. Questions concerning the following issues were asked first before the workshop and then at the working session:

1. Controls of imports in general
2. Control on exports of chemicals
3. Control on sales of chemicals
4. Control on production of chemicals
5. Permits or licenses for imports of ODS
- 5.5 Existing law or regulations to introduce a license requirement for ODS imports without going to the Parliament
6. Special permits or licenses required for exports of ODS
8. Regulation on imports of products containing CFCs or other ODS
9. System to collect ODS imports and exports data
10. Regulations under preparation

The results based both on answers given by the countries before the workshop and on the reports of the first working session are presented below.

Country	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q55	Q6	Q8	Q9	Q10
Antigua& Barbuda	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Barbados	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bahamas	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Belize	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Dominica**	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Guyana*	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Grenada**	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Jamaica	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
St. Lucia*	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
St.Kitts& Nevis*	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
St. Vincent& Grenadines	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Trinidad& Tobago*	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes

Table 1: Results of the first working session

* Not Parties to London and Copenhagen Amendments,

**Not Parties to Copenhagen Amendments

It seems clear from this table that while most of the participating countries have general control of imports in place, only few have established specific measures to control ODS. Only one country (Jamaica) has ODS import permits system and another one (St. Lucia) has system of control of ODS-containing products. ODS exports are not controlled in countries in the Region. This situation may change soon taking into account positive views on introducing measures to control ODS presented by the participants at the workshop.

Results of working session 2 : establishing an import/export licensing system

The purpose of this session was to get participants' views on possible approaches that may be undertaken in their countries to establish or improve ODS import/export licensing systems.

- All country teams agreed that import permits should be used not only to monitor ODS, but also to limit their availability
- Most country teams agreed that the legislation should be based on the existing acts and it should preferably include licenses for specified ODS quantity given to selected importers, for not less than one year, but it was suggested that additional separate permits should be given prior to each shipment.
- All country teams proposed schemes for institutional framework to be established in their countries in order to deal with ODS monitoring and control under import/export licensing system
- It was a consensus that not only Annex A ODS (CFCs and halons), but all ODS should be controlled under an import/export licensing system in the countries of the region. Some country teams wanted to stick to minimum obligations under the Montreal Protocol, while quite a few declared they could follow more strict phaseout schedules. One participant suggested that her country may not only complete the ODS phaseout by the year 2000, but also curb ODS use by the year 2003.
- Most country teams agreed that importers should be selected based on their ODS market share

Results of working session 3 : training in practical use of an import/export licensing system

The main purpose of this session was to discuss various options of monitoring and control of ODS under import/export licensing system and problems that may be encountered in practice.

- Some of the participants suggested that since the common problem in monitoring and control of ODS is proper identification of the imported/exported substance, the designation of the substance in the application form to be filled out by the importer/exporter should include not only its trade name and customs code, but also its scientific (chemical) and common names and a trade system code
- There was consensus on that importers should be requested to keep records of their customers

- There was a common view of the participants that export controls should also be included to the legislation dealing with ODS since it would help to submit correct data on ODS consumption to the Ozone Secretariat and also to address transshipment issue and to prevent illegal trade

The recommendations and conclusions agreed upon at the workshop are presented in Annex 10.7.

8. FOLLOW-UP ACTION PLAN

At working session 4 all participating countries were supposed to develop their plans for action aimed at establishing or improving an import/export licensing system. These plans were presented by the countries and discussed in the plenary. The plans were based on the previous experience of the participants and information acquired at the workshop and included, *inter alia*, order of administrative actions to be taken, time needed to start drafting recommendations and to take final decisions, cooperation with customs authorities. Detailed action plans (including in most cases a scheme of institutional framework designed to implement import/export licensing system in particular country) are presented in Annex 10.6.

It is expected that countries participating at the workshop will include the action plans within the activities of the Institutional Strengthening projects and that they will inform UNEP about the progress in the implementation of their action plans at network meetings and in the progress reports for the Institutional Strengthening project.

9. EVALUATION BY PARTICIPANTS

Graphical representation of the workshop evaluation by the participants (23 participants of 26 answered the questionnaire) is presented in Annex 10.8. Important observation from the evaluation results is that the workshop was, in general, highly appreciated by the participants since (except one answer) only good or very good marks were given in "overall evaluation". Especially high marks were given to "working sessions" and "plenary presentations" which correlates with the main outcome from the workshop - action plans to establish or improve ODS import/export licensing systems by all country teams. Also in their general evaluation of the workshop presented in writing many participants confirmed that the workshop was very (or even extremely) useful for them. Assistance of the workshop in establishing import/export licensing systems and monitoring systems for ODS consumption also got very good marks. Evaluation of the cooperation with customs was distinctly better than at the previous workshops of the series what may be the result of several improvements made in the training programme.

In their additional comments some participants suggested possible improvements in local organization of such workshops. Some countries mentioned that too much work was planned for too short time (three days), so they did not have enough time to think over the issues discussed at the working sessions. In that respect some suggested that the hand-outs for working sessions should be mailed to them in advance. Others suggested that more time should be left for plenary discussions. There were also opinions that the number of representatives of each country should be increased to enable participation of local importers and legal experts. It was also recommended that representatives of Executive Committee and Multilateral Fund should attend such workshops.

10. ANNEXES

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10.2 LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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10.3 LIST OF PRESENTATIONS AND WORKING SESSIONS

10.5 LIST OF TRAINING AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL

10.6 FINAL ACTION PLANS

10.7 WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

10.8 WORKSHOP EVALUATION

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ANNEX 10.1 AGENDA

Workshop objectives

To enable participating Article 5 countries to initiate the establishment and implementation of efficient systems to control and monitor their ODS consumption.

To facilitate reporting of ODS consumption to the Ozone Secretariat.

Target audience

Officers in charge of coordinating ODS strategies (ODS Officers) and key officers from ministries that control import and export, in countries in the Caribbean region (two persons per country).

Duration: 3 days.

Time of presentations include time for questions

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 1998

1. Opening Session

- 08.00-08.45 Registration
- 09.00-09.10 *Welcome address* by Mr. Bishnunarine Tulsie, Sustainable Development, Science and Technology Officer, St. Lucia
- 09.10-09.25 *Keynote Opening Address:* Hon. Anthony Torrence, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry and the Environment, St. Lucia
- 09.25-09.30 *UNEP Address: Workshop objectives:* Ms. Catalina Mosler, Regional Networks Coordinator, UNEP
- 09.30-09.45 *Vote of Thanks,* Ms. Donnalyn Charles, Ozone Officer, St. Lucia
- 09.45-10.00 *Coffee Break*
- 10.00-10:10 *Ozone depletion, its detrimental effects,* Mr. Halvart Koeppen, Associate

10.10-10.30 *UNEP video film: "Saving the Ozone Layer"*

2. Montreal Protocol Requirements

Chairperson : Ms. Artie Dubrie (Trinidad&Tobago)

Rapporteur : Mr. J. Auguste (Grenada)

10.30-11.20 *Phase-out schedule of controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol, Reporting requirements and Actions to be taken by Parties to implement decisions IX/8 (Licensing Systems) and IX/9 (Control of export of Products and Equipment using ODS).* Mr. Gilbert Bankobeza, Legal Officer, Ozone Secretariat

3. Experience of Existing Control and Monitoring Systems

11.20-12.00 *Current and/or planned control and monitoring systems in some developed and developing countries):* Canada: Mr. Bernard Made, Environment Canada

12.00-13.00 Lunch Break

13.00-14.20 *Current and/or planned control and monitoring systems in some developed and developing countries (continued):*

-St. Lucia, Mr. Bishnunarine Tulsie

-Trinidad&Tobago, Mr. Fitzroy A. John

14.20-14.35 Coffee Break

14.35-14.40 Presentation of results of questionnaire, Mr. Halvart Koeppen, UNEP

14.40-14.55 *Logistics of working groups, objectives and proceedings of First Working Session,* Dr. Janusz Kozakiewicz, Ozone Layer Protection Unit, ICRI, Poland

14.55-16.30 ***First Working Session - Systems Currently in Place in Participating Countries***

Each country team reports on the current situation in its country; discussions on problems encountered and possibilities foreseen. 4 working groups (6-7 persons/group).

16.30-17.30 *Each working group reports to plenary on the current situation and problems encountered in countries belonging to its group.*

FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 1998

Chairperson : Ms. Artie Dubrie (Trinidad&Tobago)
Rapporteur : Dr. Reynold Murray (St. Vincent&the Grenadines)

09.00-09.40 *Each working group reports to plenary on the current situation and problems encountered in countries belonging to its group (continued).*

4. Establishing an Import/Export Licensing System

09.40-10.20 *How to establish an import/export licensing system, Dr. Janusz Kozakiewicz*

10.20-10.35 *Presentation of UNEP IE's Resource Module for national workshops on the establishment of an import/export licensing system, Mr. Halvart Koeppen*

10.35-10.50 Coffee Break

10.50-11.00 *Logistics of working groups, objectives and proceedings of Second Working Session, Dr. Janusz Kozakiewicz*

11.00-12.30 ***Second Working Session - Establishing an Import/Export Licensing System***

Discussions on how the participating countries should now proceed nationally to introduce an import/export licensing system.

Each country team is asked to draw the scheme of institutional framework that may be (or actually is) used to operate import/export licensing system in each team's country.

12.30-13.30 Lunch Break

13.30-14.30 *Each working group reports to plenary on its conclusions and recommendations on the establishment of an import/export licensing system*

5. Practical Use of Import/export Licensing System. Monitoring ODS Consumption Under Such System.

- 14.30-15.10 *How to use import/export licensing system in practice, Dr. Janusz Kozakiewicz*
- 15.10-15.25 Coffee Break
- 15.25-15.40 *Logistics of working groups, objectives and proceedings of Third Working Session Dr. Janusz Kozakiewicz*
- 15.40-17.30 ***Third Working Session - Training in practical use of an import/export licensing system.***
- Participants are trained in operating an import/export licensing system. Discussions on how the participating countries should proceed nationally to implement a reliable monitoring of ODS imports/exports under such system.
- Comments on the usefulness of the Resource Module for this process.
- 17.30-18.30 Meeting of Chairpersons and rapporteurs to prepare draft conclusions and recommendations from the workshop

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Chairperson: Ms. Artie Dubrie (Trinidad&Tobago)
Rapporteur : Mr. Sheik M. Khan (Guyana)

09.00-10.00 *Each working group reports to plenary on its conclusions and recommendations regarding the use of an import/export licensing system in practice and how this system may be operated to monitor ODS consumption and to ensure compliance. The report should also contain comments and recommendations with regard to UNEP Resource Module.*

10.00-10.15 Coffee Break

6. Planning Follow-up Actions

10.15-10.30 *Logistics of working groups, objectives and proceedings of Fourth (Final) Working Session, Dr. Janusz Kozakiewicz*

10.30-12.00 ***Fourth (Final) Working Session*** - National Action Plans

The participants from each country should together develop plans for their immediate actions to initiate the establishment of systems to control and monitor ODS imports and exports in their own country.

12.00-13.00 Lunch Break

13.00-14.30 Presentation of National Action Plans to plenary (10 minutes/country);

14.30-14.15 Coffee break

14.15-16.00 Presentation of National Action Plans (continued).

16.00-16.30 Preliminary evaluation of the workshop and suggestions for improvements.

16.30-16.45 Presentation of conclusions and recommendations of the workshop

16.45-17.00 Closure of the workshop
- Words by the representative of UNEP
- Words by the representative of the Government of St. Lucia

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ANNEX 10.4 LIST OF PRESENTATIONS AND WORKING SESSIONS

PRESENTATIONS :

1. Phaseout schedule of controlled substances under the Montreal Protocol, reporting requirements and actions to be taken by the Parties to implement Decisions IX/8 (Licensing systems) and IX/9 (Control of export of products and equipment using ODS), Mr Gilbert Bankobeza, Ozone Secretariat, UNEP, Nairobi
2. Current and/or planned control and monitoring systems in some developed and developing countries:
 - 2.1. Canada - Mr. Bernard Made, Environment Canada
 - 2.2. St. Lucia - Mr. Bishnunarine Tulsie, Ministry of Finance
 - 2.3. Trinidad&Tobago - Mr. Fitzroy A. John, Customs and Excise Division
3. Presentation of UNEP IE's resource module for establishment of an import/export licensing system, Mr. Halvart Koeppen, UNEP IE, Paris
4. How to establish an import/export licensing system, Dr. Janusz Kozakiewicz, OLPU, ICRI, Poland
5. How to use import/export licensing system in practice, Dr. Janusz Kozakiewicz, OLPU, ICRI, Poland

WORKING SESSIONS:

1. Systems currently in place in participating countries
2. Establishing an Import/Export Licensing System
3. Training in practical use of an import/export licensing system
4. National Action Plans

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ANNEX 10.5 LIST OF TRAINING AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL

Training Material :

1. Appendices to the presentations made by J. Kozakiewicz
 - Appendix 1: Structure of computer database useful for monitoring and controlling consumption and use of ODS with assistance of import/export licensing system
 - Appendix 2: Various types of licensing systems (also contained in a book "Monitoring Imports of ODS : A Guidebook". UNEP and SEI joint publication)
 - Appendix 3: Sample application form used by importers/exporters to apply for a permit to import/export ODS
 - Appendix 4: Recommendations for complementary national codes on ODS (also contained in a book "Monitoring Imports of ODS : A Guidebook". UNEP and SEI joint publication)
2. Brief Introductions to working sessions 1, 2, 3 and 4 (by Dr J. Kozakiewicz)
3. Questionnaires for working sessions 1, 2, 3 and 4
4. Reporting Formats for working sessions 1, 2, 3 and 4

Background Material :

1. Handbook of the International Treaties for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, The Vienna Convention (1985), The Montreal Protocol (1987), Fourth Edition (1996), Ozone Secretariat, UNEP (Nairobi)
2. Report of VIIIth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, San Jose (Costa Rica), 1996, (UNEP/OzL.Pro.8/12), UNEP (Nairobi)
3. Report of IXth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, Montreal (Canada), 1997, (UNEP/OZL.Pro9./12), UNEP (Nairobi)
4. Monitoring Imports of ODS : A Guidebook, UNEP and SEI joint publication
5. Elements for Establishing Policies, Strategies and Institutional Framework for Ozone Layer Protection, UNEP IE and Multilateral Fund joint publication
6. UNEP IE Resource Module on establishment of an import/export licensing system for ODS
7. Phase-out schedule of controlled substances applicable to Parties operating under Article 5

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ANNEX 10.6 FINAL ACTION PLANS

ACTION PLANS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTRIES

1. Antigua & Barbuda
2. Belize
3. Guyana
4. Jamaica
5. St Kitts & Nevis
6. St Lucia
7. St Vincent and the Grenadines

ACTION PLANS PENDING RECEIPT FROM THE COUNTRIES

1. Bahamas
2. Barbados
3. Dominica
4. Grenada
5. Trinidad & Tobago

ANNEX 10.7 RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS FROM THE WORKSHOP

1. There was consensus that import/export permits be used not only to monitor, but also to limit consumption of ODS.
2. Countries were encouraged to adopt accelerated phase-out schedules, given the benefits that these may provide to the countries.
3. Many countries considered that all ODS should be controlled, including mixtures containing ODS.
4. All countries recognized the need for raising awareness activities of all interested groups regarding mandatory requirements for ODS phase-out, data reporting and licensing under the Montreal Protocol and its Amendments.
5. All countries recognized that there is no contradiction between free trade agreements and provisions on trade under the Montreal Protocol (Article 20, World Trade Organization rules).
6. There was a general consensus on the need for agreements between different agencies involved in the licensing system, such as Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs).
7. There was a general agreement on the need for training of key personnel responsible for the implementation and execution of the monitoring and control systems, such as trade & customs officers as well as inspectors, provided that the necessary technical and financial support is given.
8. There was general agreement that the National Ozone Units request reports from the customs, importers and exporters of ODS for cross-checking and analysis of data.
9. It was recognized that all countries in the region use the Harmonized Customs Code.
10. There were concerns about how to incorporate provisions in monitoring and control systems to deal with ODS imported without a permit. Should this ODS be consumed locally, destroyed or exported?
11. All countries agreed that there should be compulsory labeling of all substances and products containing ODS.

12. Considering the reporting time frame requirements of the Protocol, some countries suggested that it is better to issue ODS import/export licenses for a period not exceeding one year.
13. It was considered by some countries that import permits can be a useful tool to control the users, because this may assist in tracing illegal imports and end-users by sector.
14. In regard to illegal trade, some countries recommended harsh penalties.
15. The need to deal with free zone operations and transshipment of ODS and equipment that contains ODS at the national level, was recognized.
16. All countries recognized that there is a need for periodic training of customs officers regarding new developments on the phase-out of ODS under the Montreal Protocol.
17. It was agreed that the regional network coordinator prepares and submits an information note advising the CARIBCOM and the Ozone Secretariat on the recommendations and conclusions of the regional workshop as well as the obligations under the Montreal Protocol.

Note: All countries recognize that terminology differs from country to country and may not be consistent with the terminology used in UNEP's resource module.

Annex 8: Workshop evaluation