

Workshop held on e-waste imports

MR Daniel S. Amlalo (left), Ag Executive Director of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) speaking to some participants during a three-day workshop on Monitoring and Control of Transboundary Movements of E-Waste and used E-equipment to Africa and the Prevention of illegal Traffic at a ceremony at Tema.

The Acting Executive Director of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Mr Daniel Amlalo, revealed that by 2013, Ghana would cease the

importation of refrigerators into the country.

To this end, he has cautioned importers of electrical equipment to ensure that what they import could be used and not waste from Europe and America.

Mr Amlalo was speaking at the opening of the three-day training workshop.

He noted that the EPA, under the E-waste Africa project, was discussing with the Ministries of Environment Science and Technology, Justice and Attorney General's Department and Communications to

adopt a legislation on the importation of E-Waste. He said even though the first draft was ready, some additional work was required before it would be subjected to the share holders consideration.

He lamented that the amount of electronic products discarded globally had skyrocketed, with approximately 20-50 millions tonnes being generated every year.

The workshop is aimed at discussing the development of the enforcement network and the communication and information exchange tools.



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