

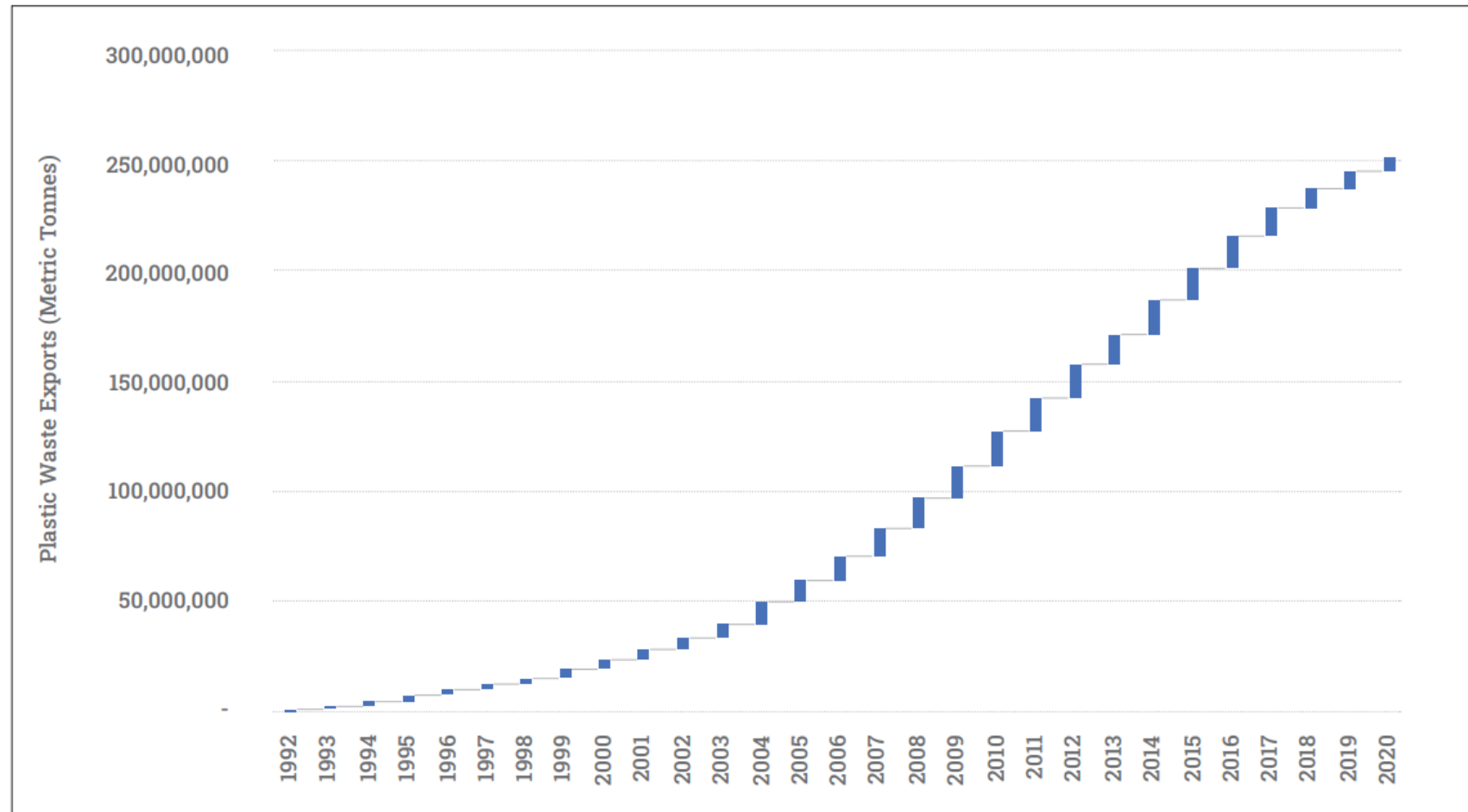


The International Trade in Plastic Waste

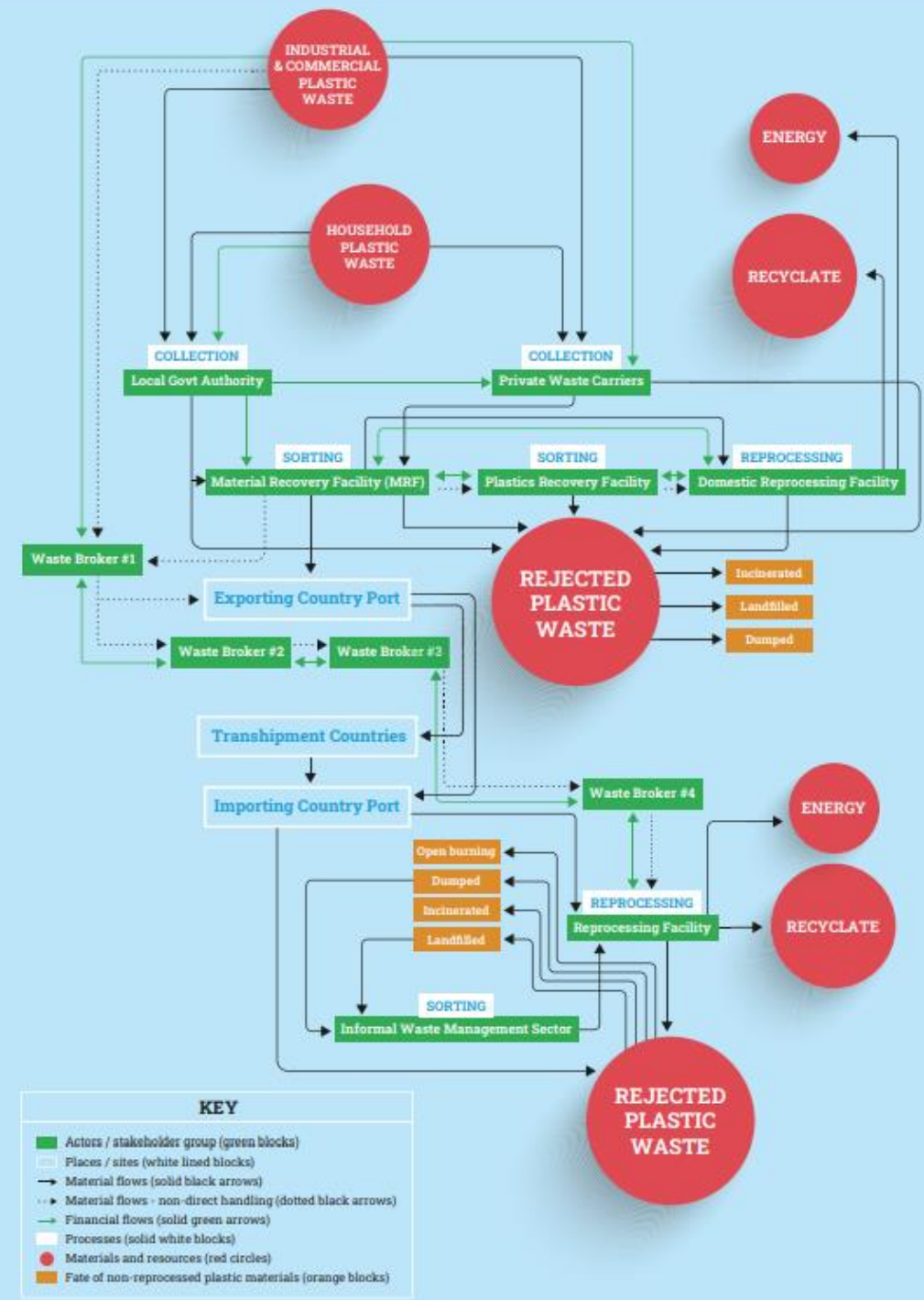
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The Truth Behind Trash



The global plastic waste trade market is remarkably **complex**...



This creates significant opportunities for illegal traffic...

- Concealment
- Misdeclaration
- Transshipment



Plastic waste is particularly difficult to control...

- **Sheer volumes** traded annually.
- **Highly heterogenous** source of waste.
- **Lack of sufficient guidance** on identifying illegal difficult to identify contamination as well as hazardousness).
- **Lack of alignment of HS codes** to distinguish wastes I shipments (e.g. extremely with different control procedures under Basel convention.

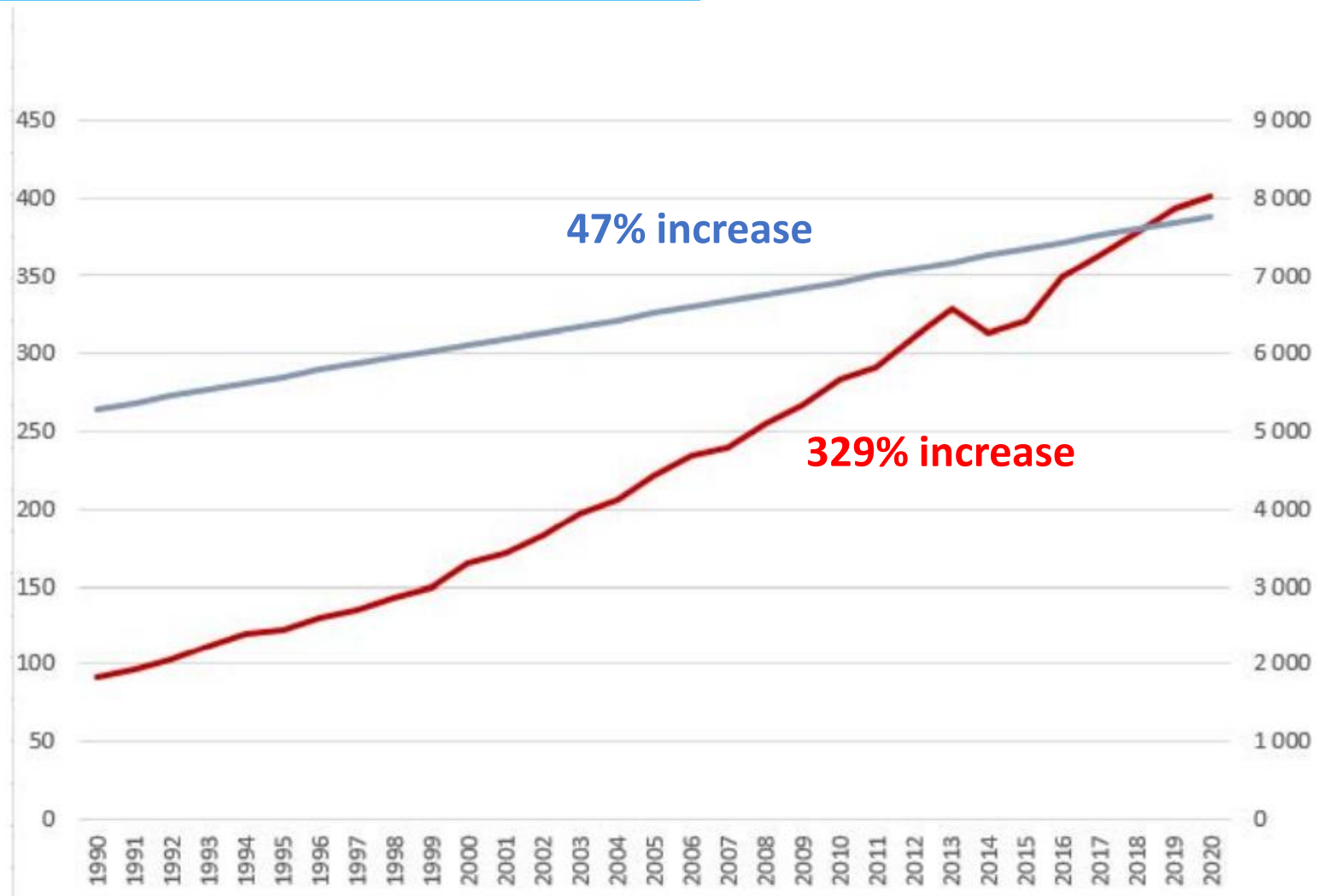


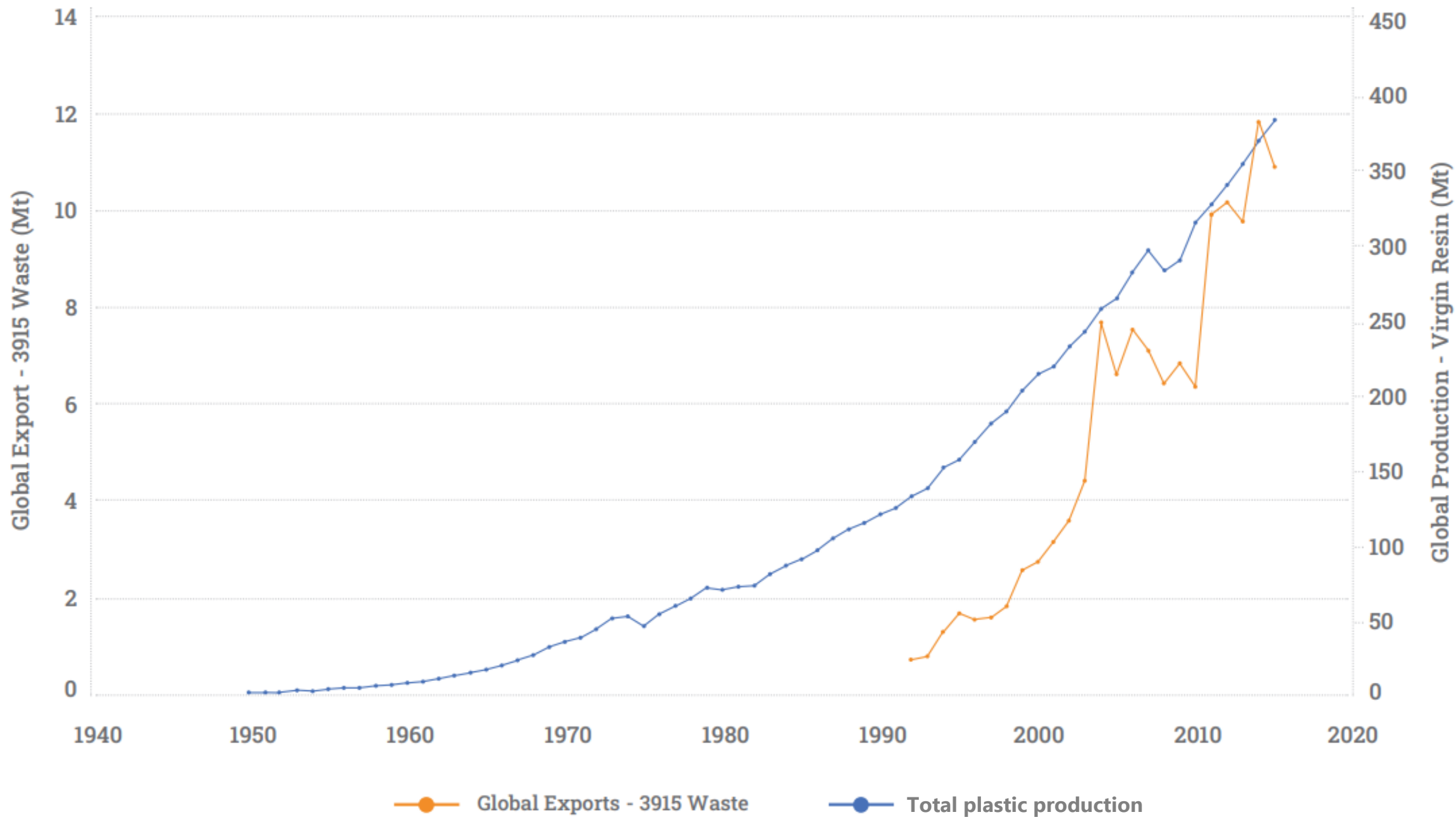
So what can customs do?



1. **Align HS codes** to distinguish wastes with different control procedures under Basel.
2. Encourage **strong deterrent penalties** for false declarations of HS codes.
3. **Stronger cooperation** between Agencies.
4. Work with **NGOs and industry**
5. **Improving enforcement**, especially in exporting countries.
6. On general terms, we need **much stricter penalties for environmental crimes**.

Plastic production vs population....







Thank you