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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT ATTACHES TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONS TO THE EU AND MISSIONS OF EEA COUNTRIES

AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ADAPTATION TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS OF EC-LEGISLATION ON WASTE (TAC)

Subject: Shipment of non-hazardous waste to non-OECD countries - Correction to information given concerning Amendments to Commission Regulation No 1547/1999 and Council Regulation No 1420/1999

Further to my note of 2 April, informing you of an impending amendment to the regulations governing shipments of waste for recovery to non-OECD countries, I should like to bring to your attention two further developments.

China

On 13 May 2004, following correspondence at service level, the Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Communities sent the European Commission a further Note Verbale clarifying its request of 19 March for a change in procedure applying on all types of green waste listed in Annex II of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 259/93. It has confirmed that, apart from certain specified green list waste, all green list waste is currently forbidden to be imported into China, but now asks for this to be reflected by maintaining the current entry for China in Annex B of 1547/1999 (import allowed but only under red list procedure (art. 10 procedure)).

In addition, whereas the earlier request implied that the green listed waste which is currently permitted to be imported into China was only so permitted under the red list procedure (art. 10 procedure), subsequent contacts with the Chinese authorities have established that the intention was in fact only to continue with pre-shipment inspections by the CCIC, as is currently the case. This makes the significance of the amendment somewhat less than at first appeared to be the case. I attach a copy of the Note Verbale of 13 May 2004 which makes these clarifications and contains additional information regarding the pre-shipment inspection procedure.

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NOTE VERBALE

The Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Communities presents its compliments to the Directorate-General for Trade of the Commission of the European Communities and has the honour to refer to Council Regulation (EC) N° 1420/1999 of 29 April 1999 establishing common rules and procedures to apply to shipments to certain non-OECD countries of certain types of waste and Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1547/1999 of 12 July 1999 determining the control procedures under Council Regulation (EEC) N° 259/93 to apply to shipments of certain types of waste to certain countries to which OECD Decision C(92)39 final does not apply.

The Mission would like to inform the Directorate-General for Trade the current rules and procedures governing the importation of non hazardous wastes into Chinese territory, details of which are set out in Annex A and B of this Note Verbale. The Mission would appreciate it very much if the Directorate-General for Trade could take appropriate measures to amend Council Regulation (EC) N° 1420/1999 of 29 April 1999 and Commission Regulation (EC) N° 1547/1999 accordingly.

This Note Verbale will repeal the previous Note Verbale concerning non hazardous waste shipment to China, namely, N/V 02/2004 and N/V05/2004.

The Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Communities avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate-General for trade of the European Commission the assurance of its highest consideration.



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Annex B

1. List of green waste currently allowed to be imported into China

GA 126	7404 00	Copper waste and scrap
GA 130	7503 00	Nickel waste and scrap
GA 140	7602 00	Aluminium waste and scrap
GA 160	7902 00	Zinc waste and scrap
GA 170	8002 10	Tin waste and scrap
GA 200	ex 8103 10	Tantalum waste and scrap
GA 430	7204	Iron or steel scrap
GC 030	ex 8908 00	Vessels and other floating structures for breaking up, properly emptied of any cargo and other materials arising from the operation of the vessel which may have been classified as a dangerous substance or waste
GC 070	ex 2619 00	Slags arising from the manufacture of iron and carbon steel (including low alloy steel) excluding those slags which have been specifically produced to meet both national and relevant international requirements and standards (*)

GH. SOLID PLASTIC WASTES

including but not limited to:

GH 010	3915	Waste, parings and scrap of plastics of:
GH 011	ex 3915 10	- Polymers of ethylene
GH 012	ex 3915 20	- Polymers of styrene
GH 013	ex 3915 30	- Polymers of vinyl chloride
GH 014	ex 3915 00	- Polymers or copolymers, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polypropylene - Polyethylene terephthalate - Acrylonitrile copolymer - Butadiene copolymer - Styrene copolymer - Polyamides - Polybutylene terephthalates - Polycarbonates - Polyphenylene sulphides - Acrylic polymers - Pivalins (C10 - C13) (*) - Polyurethanes (not containing chlorofluorocarbons) - Polyoxalamines (siloxanes) - Polymethyl methacrylates - Polyvinyl alcohol - Polyvinyl butyral - Polyvinyl acetate - Polymers of fluorinated ethylene (Teflon, PTFE)
GH 015	ex 3915 90	- Resins or condensation products, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urea formaldehyde resins - Phenol formaldehyde resins - Melamine formaldehyde resins - Epoxy resins - Alkyd resins

Annex A

All types of green waste listed in Annex II of Council Regulation (EEC) N° 259/93, except those listed in Annex B of this Note Verbale, are currently forbidden to be imported into China.

China requests the entry for China in Annex B of Commission Regulation (EC) N° 547/1999 to remain unchanged.

— Polyamides

GL PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND PAPER PRODUCT WASTES

GE 010	470.	Waste and scrap of paper or paperboard
GE 011	4707 10	— Of unbleached kraft paper or paperboard or of corrugated paper or paperboard
GE 012	4707 20	— Of other paper or paperboard, made mainly of bleached chemical pulp, not coloured in the mass
GE 013	4707 30	— Of paper or paperboard made mainly of mechanical pulp (for example, newspapers, journals and similar printed matter)
GE 014	4707 90	— Other, including but not limited to: 1. Laminated paperboard 2. Unsorted waste and scrap
GJ 030	5202	Yarn waste (including yarn waste and garnetted stock)
GJ 031	5202 10	-- Yarn waste (including thread waste)
GJ 032	5202 91	-- Garnetted stock
GJ 033	5202 99	— Other
GF 110	5505	Waste (including nails, yarn waste and garnetted stock) of man-made fibres
GF 111	5505 10	-- Of synthetic fibres
GF 112	5505 20	— Of artificial fibres
GL 010	ex 4401 30	Wood waste and scrap, whether or not agglomerated in bogs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms
GL 020	4501 90	Cork waste: crushed, granulated or ground cork
GM 100	0506 90	Waste of bones and horn-cores, unworked, defaced, simply prepared (but not cut to shape), treated with acid or degelatinised

2. Information about current Chinese legislation concerning the importation of the above "green" waste.

- The importation of these wastes shall be subject to the examination and approval of the State Environmental Protection Administration of P.R.China;
- The imported green waste must meet the Environmental Protection Control Standard for Imported Scrap Material (Trial Implementation) (GB 16487.1-12-1996);
- Pre-shipment inspection procedure is needed (sometimes referred to in the past as Pre-Inspection Control (PIC) procedure);
- The pre-shipment inspection of the wastes to be imported shall be conducted by an inspection unit designated or approved by China's inspection organs on commodities.

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