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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 – Amendment to Commission Regulation No 1547/1999 and Council Regulation No 1420/1999

Countries: Saudi Arabia, China, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovak Republic, Slovenia.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

On 04 August 2003, the Ministry of Defense and Aviation, Presidency of Meteorology and Environment of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia sent a request to the European Commission, requiring that normal commercial transactions ("green list" procedure) apply to the material GH 014 "waste, parings and scrap of polyurethane not containing chlorofluorocarbons".

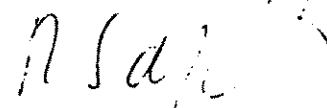
China


On 10 March 2004, the Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Communities sent the European Commission a request for a change in procedure applying on all types of green waste listed in Annex II of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 259/93. All should be listed in Annex A of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1420/1999, except for a list of waste - here attached - allowed to be imported into China, under Prior Informed Consent procedure. The Commission has asked the Mission to confirm that the PIC procedure meant is the red list procedure (art. 10 procedure).

Acceding Countries to the EU

On 1 May 2004, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovak Republic, Slovenia will be acceding to the European Union. Therefore, those countries should be deleted from Council Regulation (EC) No. 1420/1999 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1547/1999, according to the amendment procedure as defined in Art 57 of the Act of Accession.

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1547/1999 and Council Regulation (EC) No. 1420/1999 will therefore be amended in due course. In accordance with Article 18 of Council Directive 91/156/EEC of 18 March 1991 amending the Council Directive 75/442/EEC of 15 July 1975 on waste, you will soon receive a proposal for a Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1547/1999 and Council Regulation (EC) No. 1420/1999 to reflect the new positions of the above-mentioned countries.


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 Enclosure: additional information, requests from Saudi Arabia and China.

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We herewith inform you that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia allows the import of the material mentioned below , in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) no 259/93.

Therefore we acknowledge that the material mentioned below is a non-hazardous waste as mentioned in the European Waste Catalogue under code 20.01.39 and can be transported to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under so called "green list" procedure .

Material :

PU- foam destined for recycling as meant in Council Regulation (EEC) No. 259/93 article 2K The PU-foam is considered to be waste of Annex II (the green list of waste) as referred to in Council Regulation (EEC) No. 259/93 under code GH 014 "waste , parings and scrap of polyurethane foam not containing Chlorofluorcarbons".

We therefore request you to do the necessary to inform the local authorities in order for them to allow export of said material from the Eu-countries to National Polyfoam Factory Co. in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia .

Best Regards,
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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 forbidden to be imported into China.

Annex B

1. List of green waste allowed to be imported in to China

GA 120	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 90	— 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 — Paraffins (C10 - C13) (*) — Polyurethane (not containing chlorofluorocarbons) — Polysiloxanes (silicones) — Polymethyl methacrylate — 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

— Polyamides

GL PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND PAPER PRODUCT WASTES

GI 010	4707	Waste and scrap of paper or paperboard:
GI 011	4707 10	— Of unbleached kraft paper or paperboard or of corrugated paper or paperboard
GI 012	4707 20	— Of other paper or paperboard, made mainly of bleached chemical pulp, not coloured in the mass
GI 013	4707 30	— Of paper or paperboard made mainly of mechanical pulp (for example, newspapers, journals and similar printed matter)
GI 014	4707 90	— Other, including but not limited to: 1. Laminated paperboard 2. Unsorted waste and scrap
GJ 030	5202	Cotton 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
GJ 110	5505	Waste (including noils, yarn waste and garnetted stock) of man-made fibres
GJ 111	5505 10	— Of synthetic fibres
GJ 112	5505 20	— Of artificial fibres
GL 010	ex 4401 30	Wood waste and scrap, whether or not agglomerated in logs, 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, defatted, simply prepared (but not cut to shape), treated with acid or degelatinised

In addition to the above-mentioned green waste, the following types of wastes, which are not explicitly listed in Annex II of **Council Regulation (EEC) N° 259/93**, are allowed to be imported into China:

- Waste Electrical Line and cable
- Scrap Motor
- Cane Molasses resulting from the extract or refining of sugar, 1703.1000
- Other Molasses resulting from the extract or refining of sugar, 1703.9000

2. The importation of the above-mentioned waste is subject to the following requirements:

- 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);
- PIC control procedure is needed;
- 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.

3. No further control from authorities in EU member countries is requested.

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