

Dear All,

further information:

According to the news from Xinhua in 2017-07-20, China will ban imports of 24 types of solid waste by the end of 2017.

China has notified the World Trade Organization of the ban, which covers waste plastics, unsorted scrap paper, discarded textiles, vanadium slag and other kinds of waste, Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) official Guo Jing told a press conference. According to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, which China has signed, exports of hazardous wastes and other wastes should not be permitted if the state of import does not specifically consent in writing, Guo said.

The Chinese government is stepping up the fight against pollution and environmental degradation as decades of fast growth have left the country saddled with smog and contaminated soil.

The MEP launched a month-long campaign on July 1 to crack down on pollution in imported waste processing, with 420 inspectors selected from 27 provincial regions forming 60 teams to conduct full-scale examinations.

The list of applicable products in the current WTO filing includes: (source: fm waste360)

- Plastic waste from living sources
  - Vanadium slag
  - Waste textile materials
  - Slag, dross (other than granulated slag), scalings and other waste from the manufacture of iron or steel.
  - Ash and residues (other than from the manufacture of iron or steel), containing arsenic, metals or their compounds.
  - Waste, parings and scrap, of plastics.
  - Waste of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair, including yarn waste but excluding garnetted stock.
  - Garnetted stock of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair.
  - Cotton waste (including yarn waste and garnetted stock).
  - Waste (including noils, yarn waste and garnetted stock) of man-made fibers.
  - Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cables and worn out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cables, of textile materials.
  - Other, including unsorted waste and scrap

We have cross checking with **C/: Dongguan Nine Dragon Paper**, mixed waste paper is also one of the ban item in 24 types of solid waste.

They are still not getting the valid license for next year due to this new regulation. **Affect around volume around 20% (3200TEU).**

For the **plastic scrap customers**, now China has already implement strict inspection. It is expected that a number of recycling factories will hardly be able to meet the strict standards and may face the problems of import permit curtailments or even being entirely rescinded. Some factories chose to slow down their production in order to avoid excessive pollutants being discharged and failure in inspection while others could not maintain a smooth production due to removal of excessive machines not on the list of “environment impacts assessment report”. Some factories have to suspend production until the import of plastic scraps has resumed after new import permits are released.

To echo the solid waste import management policy implementation, the AQSIQ is also tightening the quality controls on plastic waste imports. Importers identified to have polluting waste imported will be down-graded and the importer and relevant overseas supplier will be subject to 100% goods checking at the customs for a period of 90 days. The period of 100% goods checking will last for 180 days on second time violation. AQSIQ registration can be revoked if further violation is found during the second stage of 180 days control.

Will keep you update if any more information.

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