

Status of the Environmental Recommendation Regarding the Import/ Export of Hazardous Wastes and other Wastes

1. Myanmar became a party to the Basel Convention (on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal) on April 6, 2015. Environmental Conservation Department (ECD), serves as the Focal Point and is responsible for implementing the Convention's requirements.
2. As the limited capacity for Environmentally Sound Management (ESM), Myanmar Strictly bans/ prohibits the import of any waste classified as hazardous under Basel Convention.
3. Myanmar does not allow any types of waste to be transported through its territory to the third country (transit trade); considering the difficulties in steering wastes throughout their route, unexpected environmental pollution will occur, prohibited by other countries.
4. For the export of hazardous waste, a request must be submitted along with necessary environmental recommendations and required information.

The export and the import of recyclable plastic scrap and other scrap materials that can be directly used as raw materials without mixing with hazardous waste requires that the information be submitted.

This is the notification of required document that must be submitted.

Environmental Conservation Department

Facts to be submitted for the Environmental Recommendations from the Environmental Conservation Department Regarding the *Import* of Recycled plastic (Not Containing Hazardous waste and Ready to use as Raw Materials) and Other Scrap Materials

1. The Ministry of Commerce issues an annual announcement listing goods that require import licenses. This list includes waste materials, for which the Department of Trade grants import licenses only upon receiving an environmental recommendation from the Environmental Conservation Department. Accordingly, all matters pertaining to the importation of waste materials are processed in compliance with the environmental recommendations issued by the concerned authorities.
2. Currently, Myanmar has insufficient technical expertise to implement Environmentally Sound Management (ESM), therefore, the import of any waste is strictly prohibited.
3. Recycled plastic scrap and other scrap materials can be imported if (a) they are clean and homogenous, (b) directly used as raw materials in the production process, and (c) not available locally, and the recycling facility must have the approved Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) or Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) issued by the Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.
4. For the operators who want to import Recycled plastic scrap and other scrap materials must apply with the following facts-
 - a. Company application with detailed descriptions regarding import,
 - b. Quantity to be imported, import period, import country, import route,
 - c. Detailed specifications of the items to be imported and clear photographs of the items to be imported,
 - d. Laboratory test results to identify hazardous materials (not required for plastic raw materials),
 - e. Company information and licenses, registrations, and permits of related departments associate to the factory to be operated,
 - f. If importing company does not have a factory to operate the imported materials, there must be a contract/ an agreement between the imported company and the factory that will operate them,

- g. A sales contract with a company in another country that will be importing and purchasing goods,
- h. A commitment that the imported materials are clean, homogenous and ready to use as raw materials and free from hazardous wastes and other wastes,
- i. The recycling facility must have the approved Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) or Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) issued by the Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation,

5. The imported quantity in accordance with the approval of Union Minister office's approval depends on the production capacity as determined by site inspection report and the required raw materials quantity described in the ECC (or) EMP (or) IEE (or) EIA, and the Department of Trade is implementing trade service operations through the Myanmar TradeNet 2.0 system, which enables online processing. Import licenses will only be issued by the Department of Trade to operators after submitting applications through this system and receiving environmental recommendations from the Environmental Conservation Department.

**Facts to be Submitted for the Environmental Recommendations from the
Environmental Conservation Department Regarding the *Export* of Recycled Plastic
(Not Containing Hazardous Waste and Ready to Use as Raw Materials) and Other
Scrap Materials**

1. Regarding the export, recycled plastic scrap and other scrap materials can be exported if they are clean, homogenous, and ready to use as raw materials. Factories producing cleaned recycled plastic scrap and other scrap materials, and the recycling facility must have the approved Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) or Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) issued by the Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.
2. For the operators who want to export Recycled plastic scrap and other scrap must apply with the following facts-
 - a. Company application with detailed descriptions regarding export,
 - b. Quantity to be exported, export period, export country, export route, explanation of the purchase status of the goods to be exported,
 - c. Detailed specifications of the items to be exported and clear photographs of the items to be exported,
 - d. Laboratory test results to identify hazardous materials (not required for plastic raw materials),
 - e. Company information, licenses, registrations, and permits of related departments of the business of purchasing and storing goods for export and recycling facility,
 - f. A sales contract with a company in another country that will be exporting and purchasing goods,
 - g. A commitment that the exported materials are clean, homogenous and ready to use as raw materials and free from hazardous wastes and other wastes,
 - h. Approval letter or approved Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) or Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) issued by the Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and

Environmental Conservation to the business of purchasing and storing goods for export and recycling facility.

3. The Environmental Conservation Department, verify the completeness of the above- mentioned information and the respective state/ regional Environmental Conservation Department will conduct on-site inspections at the recycling factory for the items to be exported. Their field inspection reports and production capacity as described in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Management Plan (EMP) or Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) are reviewed and verified. Then, the compliance requirements for business operators are outlined and an official environmental recommendation letter with the approval of the Union Minister's Office will be issued to the company, with copies distributed to the Department of Trade, Customs Department, and the respective state/ regional Environmental Conservation Department for further action.

Facts to be submitted for the Environmental Recommendation on the export of Hazardous Wastes

1. Myanmar became a party to the Basel Convention (on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal) since 2015. Then, the Environmental Conservation Department, serving as the Focal Point for the Basel Convention, has been implementing the provisions of the Convention in accordance with its requirements. To ensure effective implementation of the Basel Convention's provisions, Myanmar has adopted the **Procedure on Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes**, which was officially enacted under Notification No. (74/2023) dated 7-6-2023. As a result, matters related to the export of hazardous wastes and other wastes are being carried out in compliance with this established procedure.
2. For the operators who want to import Recycled plastic scrap and other scrap must apply with the following facts-
 - a. Company application with detailed information regarding export,
 - b. Quantity to be exported, export period, export country, export route,
 - c. Detailed specifications of the items to be exported and clear photographs of the items to be exported,
 - d. Company information and licenses, registrations, and permits of related departments associate to the factory to be operated,
 - e. Bank Guarantee
 - f. A sales contract with a company in another country that will be exporting and purchasing goods,
 - g. Waste management of company of the export country,
 - h. The approved Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) or Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) or Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) issued by the Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation,
3. For the export of hazardous wastes, Myanmar strictly complies with approval by the Union Minister's office and in compliance with **Procedure on Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes**, the following full documentation must be prepared, and **prior informed consent (PIC)** is submitted to the competent authority of the receiving country-

- a. Notification to the competent authority of receiving country
 - b. Purpose of Export
 - c. Bank Insurance
 - d. Sales Contract
 - e. Waste Management
 - f. Export License
4. After receiving an acceptance letter from the appropriate authority in the other country, Environmental Conservation Department will issue an environmental recommendation letter to the operators for the export of materials in compliance with Basel Convention's regulations.