

Comm for Producer responsibility exporters regarding the proposed import ban and revised standards for waste being exported to China.

Please be aware that China are proposing to ban 24 wastes from being imported to China from the beginning of 2018. This includes unsorted waste paper and various waste plastics including PET, PVC and polyethylene. The full list that we have been made aware of is detailed below.

In addition, China are proposing to revise their import standards for 11 wastes, including paper, plastic and electronic scrap to include a contamination threshold of 0.3% for all wastes covered by their standards. China is proposing that the new standards apply from the beginning of 2018.

The responsibility for exporting waste in a compliant manner remains with the exporter. You will also need to ensure that any waste you plan to export to China complies with these requirements.

The ban on waste imports is being imposed by China. Should you have specific detailed questions around any wastes you intend or want to export to China we suggest you contact the Ministry of Environment Protection in the first instance (contact details below).

The list in full with commodity codes

Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):

- HS: Plastic waste from living sources: 3915100000 (polyethylene); 3915200000 (polystyrene); 3915300000 (poly vinyl chloride); 3915901000 (PET); 3915909000 (other plastics);
- Vanadium slag: 2619000021; 2619000029; 2620999011; 2620999019;
- Unsorted waste paper: 4707900090;
- Waste textile materials: 5103109090; 5103209090; 5103300090; 5104009090; 5202100000; 5202910000; 5202990000; 5505100000; 5505200000; 6310100010; 6310900010.
- Slag, dross (other than granulated slag), scalings and other waste from the manufacture of iron or steel. (HS 2619)
- Ash and residues (other than from the manufacture of iron or steel), containing arsenic, metals or their compounds. (HS 2620)
- Waste, parings and scrap, of plastics. (HS 3915)
- Waste of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair, including yarn waste but excluding garnetted stock. (HS 5103)
- Garnetted stock of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair. (HS 5104)
- Cotton waste (including yarn waste and garnetted stock). (HS 5202)
- Waste (including noils, yarn waste and garnetted stock) of man-made fibres. (HS 5505)
- Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cables and worn out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cables, of textile materials. (HS 6310)
- Other, including unsorted waste and scrap (HS 470790).

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