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Committee on Import Licensing

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**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>**

SINGAPORE

The following notification dated 28 April 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Singapore.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Singapore
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) (Amendment) Act 2020
3	Date of Publication	28/02/2020
4	Date of entry into force	01/10/2020  Please note that only Section 7 of the Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) (Amendment) Act 2020, which amends the Schedule to include plastic waste in various Annexes to the Basel Convention, is relevant to this notification. Section 7 comes into operation on 1 October 2020.
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	<a href="https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Acts-Supp/6-2020/Published/20200228?DocDate=20200228">https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Acts-Supp/6-2020/Published/20200228?DocDate=20200228</a>
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) <input type="checkbox"/> No.
7	Type of notification	<input type="checkbox"/> (a) New licensing regulation/procedure <sup>2</sup> ; (please answer question 8 to 14) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: G/LIC/N/3/SGP/15; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	Please provide the HS codes and detailed descriptions of the products. In case of a long list, please attach the list as an Annex in MS WORD document.
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: <input type="checkbox"/>  Non-Automatic: <input type="checkbox"/>

<sup>1</sup> It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

<sup>2</sup> "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties ( <i>i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.</i> ) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ ( <i>please specify</i> )
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Ministry/authority and Department: [ ] Address: [ ] Website: [ ] Telephone: [ ] E-Mail: [ ]
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: [ ] Address: [ ] Website: [ ] Telephone: [ ] E-Mail: [ ]
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Termination</b> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspension</b> (c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic; <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing; <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants; <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form); <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge; <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures; <input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ ( <i>please specify</i> ).

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16	<b>Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)</b>	<p>The Hazardous Waste (Control of Import, Export or Transit) Act (HWA) provides the legislative framework for Singapore to regulate the transboundary movement control of hazardous waste and other waste controlled under the Basel Convention. Under the HWA, companies importing, exporting or transiting hazardous waste or other wastes controlled under the Basel Convention, are required to apply for a Basel Permit from NEA (Pollution Control Department, PCD). The application will require the company to submit the necessary supporting documents and obtain a Banker's Guarantee.</p> <p>At the 14th Meeting of Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (COP-14) held from 29 Apr to 10 May 2019, Parties adopted the decision to subject the transboundary movement of certain plastic waste streams to the Prior-Informed Consent (PIC) procedure. The HWA amendment will subject these plastic waste streams for transboundary movement control under the Act. Thus, companies will be required to obtain a Basel permit for the import, export or transit of plastic wastes listed in Annex II and Annex VIII of the Basel Convention. The list of controlled plastic waste is listed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single stream halogenated plastic waste consisting only polyvinyl chloride (PVC) foam</li> <li>• Single stream halogenated plastic waste consisting only polyvinyl chloride (PVC)</li> <li>• Single stream plastic waste consisting of halogenated polymers (excluding fluorinated polymers perfluoroethylene/propylene (FEP), tetrafluoroethylene/perfluoroalkyl vinyl ether (PFA), tetrafluoroethylene/perfluoromethyl vinyl ether (MFA), polyvinylfluoride (PVF), polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF)) or post-consumer fluorinated plastic wastes</li> <li>• All mixed plastic wastes (excluding mixed plastic wastes consisting of only polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) and/or polyethylene terephthalate (PET)) and foams [*predominantly polyethylene (PE) foams]</li> <li>• All mixed plastic wastes (excluding mixed plastic wastes consisting of only polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) and/or polyethylene terephthalate (PET)) and foams [*predominantly polystyrene (PS) foams]</li> <li>• All mixed plastic wastes (excluding mixed plastic wastes consisting of only polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) and/or polyethylene terephthalate (PET)) and foams [*predominantly polystyrene (PS)]</li> <li>• All mixed plastic wastes (excluding mixed plastic wastes consisting of only polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) and/or polyethylene terephthalate (PET)) and foams [*predominantly polyvinyl chloride (PVC) foams]</li> <li>• All mixed plastic wastes (excluding mixed plastic wastes consisting of only polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) and/or polyethylene terephthalate (PET)) and foams [*predominantly polyvinyl chloride (PVC)]</li> <li>• All mixed plastic wastes (excluding mixed plastic wastes consisting of only polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) and/or polyethylene terephthalate (PET)) and foams [*predominantly not polystyrene (PS), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) and/or polyethylene terephthalate (PET)]</li> <li>• Single stream or mixed plastic wastes, foams and resins that contain or mixed with other wastes</li> </ul> <p>The list of controlled plastic wastes and the accompanying HS and Product codes will be updated on the Controlled HS Codes Lists for items under import, export and transshipment control in Sep 2020. The Lists, as maintained by Singapore Customs, are accessible via the following link: <a href="http://www.customs.gov.sg/-/media/cus/files/about-us/annexes-and-appendices/appendix-d---items-under-import-export-transshipment-control.pdf">http://www.customs.gov.sg/-/media/cus/files/about-us/annexes-and-appendices/appendix-d---items-under-import-export-transshipment-control.pdf</a></p>

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		<p>The domestic control measure will come into effect on 1 Oct 2020 to prepare companies for compliance with the Basel Convention obligations on the transboundary movement of plastic wastes, ahead of the international obligations on 1 Jan 2021.</p> <p><i>* Predominant refers to the largest component within the mixed plastic wastes.</i></p>

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