

New Imported Waste Management Catalogues Released Unsorted Waste Paper Import Will be Banned

According to the *Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Solid Waste Pollution, Basel Convention for the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, Solid Waste Import Management Method* and other relevant laws and regulations, the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Commerce, National Development and Reform Commission, General Administration of Customs, as well as General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine jointly released announcement to make adjustment and revision of the current *Prohibited Import Catalogues of Solid Wastes, Restricted Import Catalogues of Solid Waste Used as Raw Material* and *Non-restricted Import Catalogues of Solid Waste Used as Raw Material*, and released *Imported Waste Management Catalogues* (2017) on August 16th, 2017.

In the new edition of *Imported Waste Management Catalogues*, 24 kinds of 4 categories of solid wastes, including waste plastics from the source of daily life (8 kinds), unsorted waste paper (1 kind), waste textile materials (11 kinds), vanadium residues (4 kinds), etc., are moved from *Restricted Import Catalogues of Solid*

Waste Used as Raw Material to *Imported Waste Management Catalogues*.

After adjustment and revision, *Prohibited Import Catalogues of Solid Wastes* contains 14 major categories including animal and plant waste products, plastic wastes, scrap, etc. *Restricted Import Catalogues of Solid Waste Used as Raw Material* includes five major categories, such as metal containing waste produced by metal melting, smelting and refining, etc. *Non-restricted Import Catalogues of Solid Waste Used as Raw Material* includes only two major categories: wood and cork wood waste.

The announcement went into effect on December 31st, 2017. At the same time, the eightieth bulletin issued in 2014 and the third bulletin issued in 2017 by Ministry of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Commerce, National Development and Reform Commission, General Administration of Customs, and General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine were abolished. 