



Ministry of Environmental Protection Issued Regulations on Environmental Protection of Imported Waste Paper

In order to implement the *Implementation Plan for Prohibition of Foreign Refuse Entry and Promoting the Reform of the Management System for the Import of Solid Waste*, and to further strengthen the import management of solid wastes that can be used as raw materials, the Ministry of Environmental Protection issued the *Regulations on Environmental Protection of Imported Waste Paper* (hereinafter referred to as *the Regulations*) on December 15th, 2017, according to the *Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Solid Waste Causing Environmental Pollution and Management Measures for the Import of Solid Waste*. The *Regulations* lowered the capacity threshold of enterprises which import waste paper from 300 thousand t/a to 50 thousand t/a.

Regulations on Environmental Protection of Imported Waste Paper

I. Scope of Application

According to the *Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Solid Waste Causing Environmental Pollution and Management Measures for the Import of Solid*

Waste, the import of solid wastes listed in the restricted import catalogues shall be subject to license management. This regulations apply to the environmental protection management of imported waste paper listed in *Restricted Import Catalogues of Solid Waste Used as Raw Material*.

II. In Addition to Satisfy the Requirements for Regulations on Environmental Protection of Solid Waste that is Restricted to Import as Raw Materials, Enterprises Importing Waste Paper Should Also Meet the Following Licensing Requirements.

1. The capacity should not be less than 50 thousand t/a, and has corresponding pulping, papermaking equipment to match its waste paper processing capacity.
2. Meet the requirements of relevant industrial policies such as *Development Policy of Paper Industry*, *Directories of Industrial Structure Adjustment* and so on. Waste paper enterprises or related production lines have not been included in the *List of Backward Productive Enterprises Eliminated in the Industrial Sector*.

3. Obtain pollutant discharge permit according to the regulations, and comply with the pollutant discharge regulations of the permit.

4. If a compulsory cleaner production audit shall be carried out, it should meet the relevant requirements of compulsory cleaner production audit.

5. Carry out self monitoring according to the relevant standards such as *Standard for Discharge of Water Pollutants in Pulp and Paper Industry*, formulate the monitoring scheme, preserve the complete original record and the monitoring report, and be responsible for the authenticity of the data, and disclose the monitored information in accordance with the regulations. The key pollutant discharge units shall install and use the automatic monitoring equipment for pollution sources according to law, networking with the environmental protection departments, ensure normal operation, and disclose the results of automatic monitoring.

6. In the last two years, there is no administrative punishment for the illegal acts, such as transfer all or part of the imported waste paper to the units or individuals who are not the enterprises specified in the license.

7. No administrative penalty has been imposed on the following offenses in the past year:

- The residual waste produced from sorting, processing and utilization of the imported waste paper has not been used or disposed harmlessly, including the direct sale of waste plastics from the above residual waste without processing or cleaning, or the delivery of the waste plastics to individuals or enterprises that don't meet the requirements of environmental protection for utilization or disposition.
- The deinking residue produced in deinking process is not regulated according to hazardous waste management.

8. Has the site, equipment, pollution prevention facilities and measures, as well as the hazardous waste management system

for processing and utilization of the waste paper listed in the *Verification Table of Environmental Protection for Imported Waste Paper Enterprises*, and are checked and verified by the provincial environmental protection department.

III. Other Provisions

The requirements, applications, approval, supervision and management, changes, lost treatment and other procedures of the application materials and related certification materials shall be governed by the *Regulations on Environmental Protection of Solid Waste that Restricts Imports to be Used as Raw Materials*. In addition, the following evidence should be provided:

1. Enterprises which first apply for imported waste paper after the implementation of this regulations shall submit the *Verification Table of Environmental Protection for Imported Waste Paper Enterprises* issued by the local provincial environmental protection department, as well as the *Table of Supervision and Management of Enterprises Applying for Imported Waste Paper* issued by the provincial environmental protection department based on the supervision and management of the environmental protection departments at or above the county level where the enterprise processing and utilization site is located. The *Verification Table of Environmental Protection for Imported Waste Paper Enterprises* is valid for one year. If the enterprise has new, modified or expanded projects within the validity period, it should be verified and submitted again.

2. The enterprises that reapply for the import of waste paper shall submit the *Table of Supervision and Management of Enterprises Applying for Imported Waste Paper* issued by the provincial environmental protection department in accordance with the supervision and management of the environmental protection departments at or above the county level where the enterprise processing and utilization site is located. The *Verification Table of Environmental Protection for Imported Waste Paper Enterprises* should be verified and submitted again after the expiration date. 