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To: All General Waste Disposal Facilities,  
General Waste Collectors, Plastic Waste Recyclers,  
Traders and Declaring Agents,  
Members of WMRAS and SCIC

Dear Sir / Mdm

## **FURNISHING OF THE GENERAL WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES LICENCE TO FULFILL MALAYSIA'S NEW REQUIREMENT FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PLASTIC WASTE/RECYCLABLES**

Please be informed that the Department of National Solid Waste Management (JPSPN), Malaysia, has imposed a new requirement for the importation of plastic waste/recyclables on 1 Jun 2020.

2 Under the new requirement, Malaysia importers are to submit relevant documents (e.g. accreditation certificate, certificate of registration issued to plastic dealers) from the country of export to support their application of the Approval Permit (AP) for the importation of plastic waste/recyclables under the HS code 39.15<sup>1</sup> into Malaysia. JPSPN informed that it accepts the General Waste Disposal Facility (GWDF) licence issued by the National Environment Agency (NEA) as a supporting document from Singapore for Malaysia's importers to apply for the AP.

3 With immediate effect, Singapore exporters are to provide GWDF licence(s) of the facilities where the plastic waste/recyclables are obtained, as supporting document to their Malaysian counterparts prior to the importation of plastic waste/recyclables into Malaysia. In the event that a third party (e.g. trader, freight forwarder, etc.) is involved in the export of plastic waste/recyclables, it should also similarly furnish the GWDF licence(s) to the Malaysia importers.

4 Come 1 Oct 2020 when the domestic controls on transboundary movement of plastic waste/recyclables take effect<sup>2</sup>, Singapore exporters will also be required to submit the GWDF licence(s) to NEA as one of the supporting documents for the application of the Basel Export Permits and for the Prior-Informed Consent (PIC) notifications for export of controlled plastic waste/recyclables (i.e. Annex II and Annex VIII plastic waste/recyclables) to Malaysia<sup>3</sup>. NEA will be sharing further information on the TradeNet applications for the transboundary movement of plastic waste/recyclables (i.e. relevant HS codes, supporting documents) when they are finalised.

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<sup>1</sup> HS code 39.15 refers to the entry "Waste, parings and scrap, of plastic"

<sup>2</sup> Communications page: Depository notification of amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Basel Convention:  
<http://www.basel.int/?tabid=1596>

<sup>3</sup> Details on the application for a Basel import/export/transit permit can be found on NEA's website at:  
<https://www.nea.gov.sg/corporate-functions/resources/legislation-international-law/multilateral-environmental-agreements/chemical-safety/basel-convention/application-for-basel-permit>

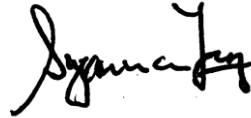
5 We seek your cooperation in providing the relevant documents to facilitate the transboundary movement of plastic waste/recyclables. If you have any further queries, please contact the following NEA officers:

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Yours faithfully



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