

Geneva, 07 May 2012

To: Focal points of the Basel Convention

Subject: Amendments to the list of wastes contained in Annexes VIII and IX of the Basel Convention

I wish to recall that at its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention adopted decision VIII/15 on the revisions to the procedure for the review or adjustment of the lists of wastes contained in Annexes VIII and IX. To this end, the following conditions must be met:

(a) The application form for placement or removal of wastes must be submitted to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention at least three months prior to the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group. Any information in addition to the form should also be submitted within that time frame;

(b) In exceptional circumstances, a Party may submit the application form for placement or removal of wastes two months before the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group if such proposal(s) cannot be sent to the Secretariat within the three-month deadline. The Open-ended Working Group will endeavour to consider such application(s) at its following meeting.

The Secretariat has received the following applications (dates in brackets indicate when the applications were received) for the new entries to Annex IX to the Basel Convention:

From the Government of Finland (14 January 2011)

- (a) Non-separable plastic fraction from the pre-treatment of used liquid packages;
- (b) Pressure sensitive adhesive label laminate waste containing raw materials used in label material production not covered by entry B3020 in Annex IX;
- (c) Non-separable plastic-aluminium fraction from the pre-treatment of used liquid packages.

From the Government of Ireland (7 February 2011)

- (d) Clean biodegradable waste from agriculture, horticulture, forestry, gardens, parks and cemeteries.

From the Government of the Netherlands (24 February 2011)

- (e) Composite packaging consisting of mainly paper and some plastic, not containing residues and not covered by entry B3020 in Annex IX.

CC: Permanent Mission in Geneva

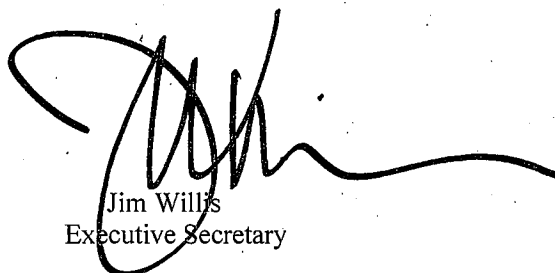
The detailed application forms and supporting documents were set out in document UNEP/CHW/10/INF/7 submitted to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in October 2011. For your convenience, these application forms are annexed to this letter.

In paragraph 81 of the report of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference decided that since a clear procedure for the consideration of amendments had been established by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, the Secretariat should transmit these applications to the Open-ended Working Group at its next meeting for its consideration.

Pursuant to decision VIII/5 on the revisions to the procedure for the review or adjustment of the lists of wastes contained in Annexes VIII and IX, the Secretariat would be pleased to receive written comments on the proposed amendments mentioned above by **8 June 2012**. All comments should be sent to Mr. Ibrahim Shafii, Acting Chief Scientific Support Branch by email at Ibrahim.shafii@basel.int or IShafii@pic.int or by telefax to +41 22 917 8082.

The Secretariat would submit the above applications by Finland, Ireland and the Netherlands for new entries for Annex IX to the Basel Convention and the compilation of comments received to the Open-ended Working Group at its eight meeting which would take place in Geneva from 25 to 28 September 2012, for its consideration.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Jim Willis
Executive Secretary