

**NEW REGIME ON SHIPMENTS OF PLASTIC
WASTES – AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION (EC)
No 1013/2006 ON SHIPMENTS OF WASTE**



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Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

- Adopted on 22 March 1989 in Basel (Switzerland). Malta ratified the Convention on 17 June 2000;
 - Overarching objective – to protect human health and environment against the adverse effects of hazardous wastes and other waste;
 - Parties are committed to ensure the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of wastes;
 - The Conference of the Parties (COP) is the supreme decision-making organ under the Convention;
 - Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 on shipments of waste (WSR);
 - S.L. 549.65 Waste Management (Shipment of Waste) Regulations.
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Scope of the Basel Convention

- Control of the following waste streams:

Hazardous wastes listed in Annexes I and VIII

“Other wastes” listed in Annex II

Wastes considered to be hazardous by Parties’ national legislation

- Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure
 - Does not apply to non-hazardous wastes listed in Annex IX (green-listed waste)
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Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 on shipments of waste

- Applies to shipments of hazardous wastes, other wastes and green-listed wastes
- The control regime consists of:

Prior Informed Consent Procedure

Hazardous wastes and other wastes

Simplified Notification Procedure

Annex IX wastes destined for recovery

Export prohibition to non-OECD Countries

Hazardous wastes and other wastes destined for recovery

All exports from the Union for disposal are prohibited

Exception: EFTA Countries Parties to the Basel Convention



Amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Basel Convention

- 10 May 2019 – adoption of new regime on plastic waste by Basel Convention:
 - A new code for **hazardous plastic waste** (i.e. A3210);
 - A new category for **unclean, contaminated** and/or **mixed non-hazardous plastic waste** (i.e. Y48);
 - A new code for **clean, uncontaminated plastic waste** destined for **recycling** (i.e. B3011) replacing the current code B3010
 - Entry into force: **1st January 2021**
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Amendments to Annex VIII to the Basel Convention: **NEW Amber code A3210**

Plastic waste, including mixtures of such waste, **containing or contaminated** with Annex I constituents, to an extent that it exhibits an **Annex III characteristic** (note the related entry B3011, in list B of this Part, and entry Y48, in list A of Part 3)



Amendments to Annex IX to the Basel Convention: **NEW Greenlisted Code B3011**

- Replaces B3010
 - Exclusively destined for **environmentally sound recycling**
 - **Almost free from contamination and other types of wastes**
 - Almost exclusively consist of:
 - a) One non-halogenated polymer (e.g. polyethylene, polypropylene, etc.), or
 - b) One cured resin or condensation product (e.g. Urea formaldehyde resins, etc), or
 - c) One fluorinated polymer (e.g. perfluoroethylene/propylene, etc)
 - Mixtures of polyethylene, polypropylene and/or polyethylene terephthalate, if **destined for separate recycling** of each material
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Amendments to Annex II the Basel Convention: **NEW Y48**

Plastic waste, including mixtures of such waste, excluding:

- Hazardous Plastic waste (i.e. A3210)
 - Non-hazardous plastic waste (i.e. B3011)
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COUNCIL DECISION 2019/638

EU and its MS supported the new amendments under the Convention provided that the current regime for intra-EU, EEA shipments of non-hazardous plastic waste is retained



Two different regimes will apply to exports of non-hazardous plastics depending on their **destination**



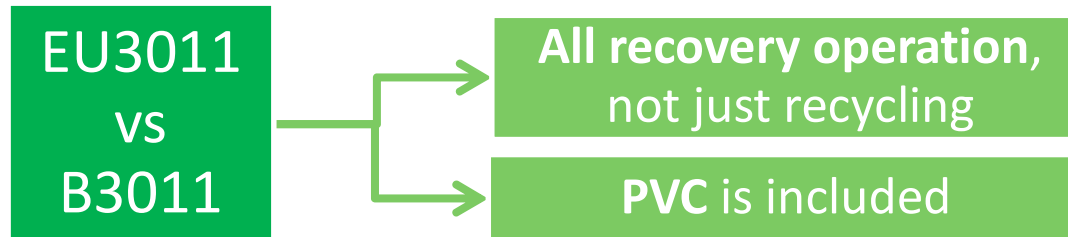
Third Countries
Basel Convention Codes
(B3011 + Y48)



EU Member States
EU Codes
(EU3011 + EU48)

Non-Hazardous Plastic Waste Shipments within the EU and EEA: **New Codes EU3011 + EU48**

- **EU3011**: plastic materials, provided they are almost **free from contamination** and **other types of waste**, consisting of:
 - One non-halogenated polymer; or
 - One cured resin or condensation product; or
 - One fluorinated polymer



- The current green-listed mixtures of non-hazardous plastic waste in the EU will be retained (Annex IIIA)
 - **EU48**: plastic waste not covered by A3210 or by EU3011, as well as mixtures of plastic waste not covered Annex IIIA WSR
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Shipments of Hazardous plastic waste to EU and OECD Countries

AC300: Plastic waste, including mixtures of such wastes, containing or contaminated with Annex I constituents, to an extent that it exhibits an Annex III characteristic

Applies to shipment between **EU countries** and shipments to **OECD Countries**



Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?

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