

## **Circular. Public Notice of the ban on the import of Solid Waste**



Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution by Solid Waste came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> Sep.2020. This Public Notice was made as per the requirement of the Law. The Public Notice will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

i) It is forbidden to import solid waste in any way. The dumping, stacking, and disposal of solid waste outside China is prohibited.

ii) The Ministry of Ecology and Environment has stopped accepting and approving applications for import permits for solid wastes that can be used as raw materials; the import permits for solid wastes that have been issued in 2020 should expire automatically after the expiration date.

iii) Unreported solid waste produced by units in special customs supervision areas and bonded supervision places (including special customs supervision areas such as bonded areas and comprehensive bonded areas, and bonded logistics centers (type A/B), bonded warehouses and other bonded supervision places), Manage in accordance with relevant domestic solid waste regulations. If it is necessary to leave it the areas for storage, utilization or disposal, it shall go through the relevant procedures with the administrative department of the local government in the special customs supervision areas and bonded supervision areas, and the customs will no longer check the relevant approval documents issued by the related authorities.

iv) The solid waste generated during the production operations of bonded maintenance and remanufacturing business units outside the special customs supervision areas and bonded supervision sites shall be implemented in accordance with the requirement of clause (iii).

Other related notices published earlier are inviolate with this public notice shall be repealed at the same time (1<sup>st</sup> Jan.2020).

### **Exemption Case No.1**

**The scrap steel** produced by foreign flag ships repaired and refitted in China is in compliance with relevant domestic solid waste management regulations under standard conditions, storage, transfer, utilization, and disposal in China are permitted, and solid waste import formality is not

followed, so there is no need to apply for solid waste import licenses. Relevant departments in China should strengthen coordination and cooperation, urge ship repair companies to strengthen administration.

i) Scrap iron & steel generated from domestic repairs & refitting of foreign Flag ships shall be allowed to be stored, transferred, utilized & disposed under the conditions of compliance with the relevant domestic laws & regulations on solid waste management. The import management of solid waste is not followed, and no solid waste import license is required.

ii) The above-mentioned goods shall go through the import declaration & taxation procedures in accordance with the regulations, exempt from submitting import licenses for inspection, are freely imported at all ports.

iii) The above-mentioned goods are exempt from pre-shipment inspection, & the customs shall implement inspection & quarantine in accordance with relevant laws & regulations, & relevant foreign suppliers & domestic consignees are exempt from registration. Domestic consignees or their agents should use "A000000000" (9 zeros), "B00000000" (8 zeros) & "XXXX000004CN" as the foreign supplier registration certificate number & domestic consignee registration certificate number respectively. Declare with pre-shipment inspection certificate number.

## **Exemption Case No.2**

Starting from November 1, 2020, **recycled brass** raw materials, **recycled copper** raw materials and **recycled cast aluminum alloy** raw materials that meet the standards are not solid waste and can be imported freely.

i) It is in line with "Recycled Brass Raw Material" (GB/T 38470-2019), "Recycled Copper Raw Material" (GB/T 38471-2019), "Recycled Cast Aluminum Alloy Raw Material" (GB/T 38472) -2019) Standard recycled brass raw materials, recycled copper raw materials and recycled cast aluminum alloy raw materials are not solid waste, can be imported freely.

ii) The customs commodity codes of recycled brass raw materials, recycled copper raw materials and recycled cast aluminum alloy raw materials are 7404000020, 7404000030 and 7602000020 respectively.

iii) Those that do not meet the national standards of "Recycled Brass Raw Materials" (GB/T 38470-2019), "Recycled Copper Raw Materials" (GB/T 38471-2019), and "Recycled Cast Aluminum Alloy Raw Materials" (GB/T 38472-2019) Import is prohibited.