

Producer Responsibility: - Examples of acceptable evidence of broadly equivalent standards for packaging and equivalent standards for WEEE

All evidence submitted to demonstrate broadly equivalent standards for packaging and equivalent standards for WEEE must:

- relate to the overseas reprocessing site that is included in the application
- have a valid date at the time of submission
- refer to the reprocessing activity and the conditions/standards that it needs to operate
- have an English translation and be accompanied by a photocopy of the original document and
- have an official stamp on the original document and reference to the competent authority, if it is an environmental licence.

If a renewal to a licence is provided, a copy of the original licence must also be supplied.

Where the activity is regulated by a licensing regime, a copy of the permit is required. ISO 14001 will only be accepted where a country does not regulate the overseas reprocessing site through a permitting regime. Any ISO14001 must be for the reprocessing site and refer to the reprocessing activity on the certificate.

A statement from the competent authority which shows that the reprocessing site is regulated and works within a system that meets broadly equivalent standards for packaging and equivalent standards for WEEE is acceptable.

Listed below are examples of documents that can be accepted as evidence. The list of evidence types is not a prescriptive list - these are just examples of the types previously received which have been agreed between the Agencies¹ to acceptably demonstrate broadly equivalence. If other documents are provided and they explain how reprocessing operations are regulated to protect the environment then these will be considered and may be accepted.

Country	Regime ²	Regime details	Acceptable evidence	Notes
Bangladesh	Packaging & WEEE	Regulated at country level	Permit from the People's Republic of Bangladesh	Must contain terms and conditions of operation.
Brazil	Packaging & WEEE	Regulated at state level	Operating licence from Government State of 'xxxx', from Environmental Secretariat	'Certificate of Registration from Brazilian Army' / 'Certificate of Potentially Polluting Activities' are not valid alone. Must have operating licence.

¹ Environment Agency, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Natural Resources Wales, and Northern Ireland Environment Agency

² The Producer Responsibility regime evidence is required for. Blue indicates both regimes and orange indicates WEEE.

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China	Packaging & WEEE		<p>2 documents are required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import licence (MEP licence sometimes referred to as SEPA licence) 2. Permit or inspection/environmental report 3. If the document in (2) does not reference the reprocessing activity, then another piece of evidence is required to confirm the reprocessing activity. 	<p>Bullet point 1 does not include an AQSIQ (General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine). AQSIQ will not be accepted as evidence as they do not relate to the reprocessor.</p> <p>Examples of documents that may be suitable for bullet point 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste disposal certificate, or • Environmental report, (valid within 2 years) or • Inspection report (valid within 2 years), or • Waste emissions permit, or • Pollution discharge permit <p>Examples of documents that may be suitable for bullet point 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from the reprocessor confirming their reprocessing activity and site address on company headed paper. • Any other form of credible evidence which indicates the reprocessing activity undertaken at the destination site.
Egypt	Packaging & WEEE		<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from competent authority, or • Reprocessing permit <p>Where the activity is not regulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO 14001 certificate 	
Hong Kong	Packaging & WEEE	Environmental Protection Department	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local environmental permit, e.g. Water Pollution Control Ordinance, <p>Where the activity is not regulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO 14001 	
India	Packaging & WEEE	Regulated at state level	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollution Control Board (PCB) licence, or • authorisation/ consent certificate, or • Registration for the recycling of plastic waste (Plastic Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 2011 and amendment Rules 2011) 	<p>Extensions to PCB licences are not acceptable alone. The original licence must also be submitted.</p>

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Indonesia	Packaging & WEEE		Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from competent authority, or • Permission/ Permit of Liquid Waste Disposal , or • Emission Standard, or • Import Licence (LIMBAH) 	<p>A LIMBAH (import) licence is required for TFS compliance. However, site environmental compliance issues are assessed as part of the application process to obtain an Import Licence issued by the Ministry of Trade in consultation with the Ministry of Environment). It is valid for one year.</p> <p>An 'Emission Standard' is issued by the Ministry of Environment Management, and covers emissions to air from a static source (no expiry date).</p> <p>A 'Discharge of Waste Water Standard' issued by local Govt Authority (no expiry date).</p>
Iran	Packaging & WEEE		Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from competent authority, or • Reprocessing permit <p>Where the activity is not regulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO 14001 certificate 	
Japan	WEEE	Department of Environment	Permit issued under the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law 1970 (and amendments)	
Malaysia	Packaging & WEEE	Department of Environment	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled Waste treatment and Disposal Facility from DoE, or • Environmental Impact Assessment from DoE with clear approval conditions. 	<p>Warehouse Licence is not acceptable.</p> <p>Local import controls for plastics. PVC prohibited</p> <p>A Pre-Siting Evaluation document is not acceptable as it is a requirement for the planning stage rather than the operational stage.</p> <p>The Agencies' research in to BE evidence requirements for waste plastic reprocessors indicates the following may be applicable:-</p> <p>(i) Written Approvals (e.g. covering discharges to air, water) for site operations with regard to the Environmental Quality Act, 1974.</p> <p>(ii) An Approval Letter from the Department of Environment (local DoE State office) to 'carry out recycling activities' – a site may be in possession of such a letter if they had applied for an Import Licence.</p>

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Mexico	WEEE	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Department of Environment and Natural Resources environmental permit or licence	
Morocco	Packaging & WEEE		Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from competent authority, or Reprocessing permit Where the activity is not regulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISO 14001 certificate 	
Nepal	Packaging & WEEE		Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from competent authority, or Reprocessing permit Where the activity is not regulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISO 14001 certificate 	
Pakistan	Packaging & WEEE	Regulated at state level. Pakistan have provincial environment protection agencies, all set up under The Pakistan Environmental Protection Act	NOC (No Objection Certificate) for imports and either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from competent authority, or NOC for reprocessing 	The NOC for import is issued by the Climate Change Division in Islamabad A NOC for the reprocessing site is only acceptable if it relates to the manufacturing or reprocessing itself or for the import of the material for reprocessing at the site concerned.
Philippines	Packaging & WEEE	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Environment and Natural Resources permit to operate, or Environmental Compliance Certificate 	
Russia	Packaging & WEEE		Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from competent authority, or Reprocessing permit Where the activity is not regulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISO 14001 certificate 	
Singapore	Packaging & WEEE	National Environment Agency of Singapore	National Environment Agency permit or licence	NEA permit is a minimum requirement. A number of these may be required for one site (e.g. for waste storage, discharges) Business registration is not valid on its own.
South Korea	WEEE		Local environmental permit	

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Sri-Lanka	Packaging & WEEE		Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from competent authority, or Reprocessing permit Where the activity is not regulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISO 14001 certificate 	
Switzerland	WEEE		Permit from local regime	
Taiwan	Packaging & WEEE		Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulated Recyclable Waste Disposal Enterprise Registration Certificate, or Operation licence Where the activity is not regulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISO 14001 certificate 	
Thailand	Packaging & WEEE		Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from competent authority, or Reprocessing permit Where the activity is not regulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISO 14001 certificate 	
Turkey	WEEE		Permit from local regime	Scrap Importer document from the Ministry is not acceptable.
Ukraine	Packaging & WEEE	The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources	A Permit which covers waste activities	The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine is the regulatory body and waste activities require a licence provided either by this ministry or the municipal authorities.
United Arab Emirates	Packaging & WEEE		Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from competent authority, or Reprocessing permit Where the activity is not regulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISO 14001 certificate 	
USA	WEEE	Environmental Protection Agency	Permit from local regime	
Vietnam	Packaging & WEEE	Department of Resources and Environment	Certificate of eligibility for the import of scraps	