

**Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal**

Fourteenth meeting

Geneva, 29 April–10 May 2019

Agenda item 4 (b) (v)

**Matters related to the implementation of the
Convention: scientific and technical matters:
marine plastic litter and microplastics**

**Draft decision BC-14/[]: Amendments to Annexes II, VIII and
IX to the Basel Convention**

Submission by the contact group on plastic waste

The Conference of the Parties,

Having considered the proposal by the Government of Norway to amend Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal,¹

1. *Decides* to amend Annex II to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal by adding the following entry:

Y 48 ^{2,3}	Plastic wastes, including mixtures of such wastes, with the exception of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic waste which is hazardous waste pursuant to paragraph 1 (a) of Article 1⁴• Plastic waste listed below, provided it is destined for recycling⁵ in an environmentally sound manner and almost free from contamination and other types of wastes:⁶<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Plastic waste almost exclusively consisting of one non-halogenated polymer, including but not limited to the following polymers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Polyethylene (PE)
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¹ UNEP/CHW.14/27, annex I.

² This entry becomes effective as of 1 January 2021.

³ Parties can impose stricter requirements in relation to this entry.

⁴ Note the related entry on list A A3210 in Annex VIII.

⁵ Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents (R3 in Annex IV B) or if needed, temporary storage limited to one operation provided that it is followed by operation R3, and evidenced by contractual or relevant official documentation.

⁶ In this respect, international and national specifications may offer a point of reference.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Polypropylene (PP) ○ Polystyrene (PS) ○ Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) ○ Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) ○ Polycarbonates (PC) ○ Polyethers - Plastic waste almost exclusively⁷ consisting of one cured resin or condensation product including but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Urea formaldehyde resins ○ Phenol formaldehyde resins ○ Melamine formaldehyde resins ○ Epoxy resins ○ Alkyd resins - Plastic waste almost exclusively consisting of one of the following fluorinated polymer wastes:⁸ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perfluoroethylene/propylene (FEP) ○ Perfluoro alkoxyl alkane ○ Tetrafluoroethylene/per fluoro vinyl ether (PFA) ○ Tetrafluoroethylene/per fluoro methylvinyl ether (MFA) ○ Polyvinylfluoride (PVF) ○ Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) - Mixtures of plastic wastes, consisting of polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) or polyethylene terephthalate (PET), provided they are destined for separate recycling⁹ of each material and in an environmentally sound manner, and almost free from contamination and other types of wastes.¹⁰
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2. *Also decides* to amend Annex VIII to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal by inserting a new entry, as follows:

A3210¹¹	Plastic waste, including mixtures of such wastes, containing or contaminated with Annex I constituents, to an extent that it exhibits an Annex III characteristic (note the related entry on list B B3011)
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3. *Decides* to amend the entry B3010 in Annex IX to the Convention by adding the following new footnote on the entry: “Entry B3010 is effective until 31 December 2020”.

4. *Further decides* to amend Annex IX to the Convention by replacing the entry B3010: Solid plastic waste, with a new entry B3011, as follows:

⁷ In this respect, international and national specifications may offer a point of reference.

⁸ Post-consumer wastes are excluded from this entry.

⁹ Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents (R3 in Annex IV B) with prior sorting, and if needed, temporary storage limited to one instance provided that it is followed by operation R3, and evidenced by contractual or relevant official documentation.

¹⁰ In this respect, international and national specifications may offer a point of reference.

¹¹ This entry becomes effective as of 1 January 2021.

B3011 ¹²	<p>Plastic waste listed below, provided it is destined for recycling¹³ in an environmentally sound manner and almost free from contamination and other types of wastes (note the related entries on list A A3210 and Y48 in Annex II):¹⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plastic waste almost exclusively consisting of one non-halogenated polymer, including but not limited to the following polymers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Polyethylene (PE) o Polypropylene (PP) o Polystyrene (PS) o Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) o Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) o Polycarbonates (PC) - Plastic waste almost exclusively¹⁵ consisting of one cured resin or condensation product including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Urea formaldehyde resins o Phenol formaldehyde resins o Melamine formaldehyde resins o Epoxy resins o Alkyd resins - Plastic waste almost exclusively consisting of one of the following fluorinated polymer wastes:¹⁶ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Perfluoroethylene/propylene (FEP) o Perfluoro alkoxyl alkane o Tetrafluoroethylene/per fluoro vinyl ether (PFA) o Tetrafluoroethylene/per fluoro methylvinyl ether (MFA) o Polyvinylfluoride (PVF) o Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) - Mixtures of plastic wastes, consisting of polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) or polyethylene terephthalate (PET), provided they are destined for separate recycling¹⁷ of each material and in an environmentally sound manner, and almost free from contamination and other types of wastes.¹⁸
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¹² This entry becomes effective as of 1 January 2021. Entry B3010 is effective until 31 December 2020.

¹³ Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents (R3 in Annex IV B) or if needed, temporary storage limited to one operation provided that it is followed by operation R3, and evidenced by contractual or relevant official documentation.

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¹⁷ Recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents (R3 in Annex IV B) with prior sorting, and if needed, temporary storage limited to one instance provided that it is followed by operation R3, and evidenced by contractual or relevant official documentation.

¹⁸ In this respect, international and national specifications may offer a point of reference.