

Responses to follow-up questions raised by Karen Wirsig (Environmental Defence) on the XBR (April 4, 2023)

1. How many notifications received and import permits have been granted for Y48 waste coming into Canada? **No notification has been received for the import of plastic waste.**

2. Data on inspections of shipments entering or leaving Canada related to the plastics Basel Amendment: -- can you provide the number of inspections, and whether any of these have led to enforcement actions and, if so, which ones?

Regarding the number of inspections, information is available in Canada's CEPA annual report from April 2020 to March 2021 ([En81-3-2021-eng.pdf](#) on Publications.gc.ca). You will see in this report that the EIHWHRM (the regulations in place until 2021) was a priority for enforcement activities. Tables 21 to 24 contains the following information: number of on-site and off-site inspections, a breakdown of investigations, number of enforcement measures and prosecution. More recent information would be available in the next release of the CEPA 2021-2022 annual report.

Of note, information regarding cases of illegal traffic which have been closed in 2021 is available in Canada's annual report to the Basel Convention, in Table 9. Please find below an extract of the report submitted for the year 2021 where such cases have been identified for plastic waste. Complete national reports can be found at the following link:

<http://www.basel.int/Countries/NationalReporting/ElectronicReportingSystem/tabid/3356/Default.aspx>

Extracted from Table 9 of Canada national report:

Country of export	Country of import	Waste code	Type of waste	Amount in metric tons (use dots for decimals, e.g. 20.15)	Identification of the reason for illegality	Responsible for illegality (please tick as appropriate)	Measures taken including any punishment imposed
CA	MY	Y48	Plastic waste	37	Violation under CEPA 185(1)(b)	Exporter or generator	Three administrative monetary penalties
CA	MY	Y48	Plastic waste	125.1	Violation under CEPA 185(1)(b)	Exporter or generator	Four administrative monetary penalties
CA	CN	Y48	Plastic waste	31.6	Violations under 9(a) of the EIHWHRM and CEPA 185(1)(b)	Exporter or generator	One warning letter
CA	MY	Y48	Plastic waste	20.2	Violations under 9(a) of the EIHWHRM and CEPA 185(1)(b)	Exporter or generator	One warning letter
CA	AE	B3010	LDPE Film	18.2	Violation under EIHWHRM and CEPA 185(1)(b)	Exporter or generator	One warning letter

3. Information on what is done with plastic waste shipments between Canada and the US: Numbers of shipments entering Canada that were subsequently:

- Landfilled
- Incinerated (with or without energy generation)
- Recycled
- Exported for any reason

(And same question for shipments from Canada to the US).

Overall statistics about Canadian trade of plastic waste can be found on the [Canadian International Merchandise Trade Database \(https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/71-607-x/71-607-x2021004-eng.htm\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/71-607-x/71-607-x2021004-eng.htm).

Transboundary movements of hazardous plastic waste are subject to the Canada-USA Agreement on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste. To this date, no notifications for exports or imports of hazardous plastic waste covered under entry A3210 to/from the United States have been received.

Transboundary movements of non-hazardous plastic waste between Canada and the US are subject to the [*Canada-US Arrangement on the environmentally sound management of non-hazardous waste and scrap subject to transboundary movement*](#).

As per the Arrangement, movements of non-hazardous plastic waste between Canada and the US are subject to all existing controls normally applied in commercial transactions. Data relevant to commercial transactions is not tracked by Environment and Climate Change Canada.