



## **EuRIC Statement: EU position for implementation of Basel decisions into the OECD**

[EuRIC](#), the European Recycling Industries' Confederation, supports to ensure proper plastic waste treatment all over the world and the amendments concerning plastic waste which were decided at the 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the Basel Convention. These amendments contribute to improve controls on plastic waste exports and prevent exports of plastic waste to countries lacking adequate infrastructures and overall, strengthen the environmentally sound management of waste. However, it is equally essential to have a precise implementation of the newly established entries concerning plastic wastes into the OECD Decision on transboundary movements of waste.

Therefore, EuRIC suggests the following approach:

- 1) Entry A3210 in Annex VIII to the Basel Convention should be copied identically into the OECD Appendix 4 Part I List of Wastes Subject to the Amber Control Procedure. We do agree that wastes which are proven to be hazardous should remain classified as hazardous at OECD level and therefore should fall under the prior informed consent procedure.
- 2) Entry B3011 in Annex IX to the Basel Convention should be listed in the OECD Appendix 3 Part II List of Wastes Subject to the Green Control Procedure as it is the case on Basel level.
- 3) Entry Y48 in Annex II to the Basel Convention should be listed in the OECD Appendix 3 Part I List of Wastes Subject to the Green Control Procedure. Y48 must be treated in the same way as Y46 and Y47 otherwise this could lead to an import and export ban from and to OECD countries as well as overloading the competent authorities.
- 4) PVC should remain green listed in the OECD Appendix 3 Part II as GH013.

EuRIC would also like to take this opportunity to mention that further clarifications and definitions regarding the newly added plastics entries in the Basel Convention are strongly needed. For example, there is no definition of "almost free of contamination" within the new Basel entries so that a definition to what extent (in %) a contamination and what kind of contamination is permitted would be needed. Such clarifications would be instrumental and should be made at the appropriate level to ensure a harmonized implementation and avoid distortions in waste shipment approvals and inspections resulting from different national interpretations which would increase the legal uncertainty in which operators arranging waste shipments often find themselves.

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