



Metal and paper scrap exports to Malaysia: Update on new rules

In March this year, BIR advised of new rules for scrap exports to Malaysia. At that time, there was some confusion surrounding by whom and at what point the rules would be changed. Although the new rules have yet to enter into force, there is now more information available to enable companies to start making preparations.

On a number of occasions, the author of the associated guidelines - ministry-owned SIRIM QAS International - has held webinars and question-and-answer sessions with stakeholders. At the latest webinar, SIRIM QAS International explained the approval scheme for Material Recovery Facilities ([see SIRIM MRFs Approval Scheme presentation](#) made on September 28). Related to this, there is an application form for Material Recovery Facilities ([see SIRIM application form](#), version 28-9-2021).

Concerns from presentations made by SIRIM in February were of duplication of inspection requirements, before departure of the scrap cargo (pre-shipment inspection) and then again on arrival of the scrap cargo in Malaysia. These concerns were addressed with the innovative approach of Malaysia to designate four importation methods: Type 1A, Type 1B, Type 1C and Type 2, which vary in terms of inspection between the cargo, before or after shipment, or of the supplying and receiving facility. Please note that only Type 1C stipulates a pre-shipment inspection by a registered Foreign Inspection Body (FIB) **and** an inspection by SIRIM on arrival in Malaysia. Inspections have to be carried out by SIRIM or by a registered Foreign Inspection Body, as yet no FIBs are registered. The overall costs remain a concern, as well as the very tight quality thresholds of 99.75wt% metal content for ferrous, aluminium and copper scrap and the high-quality requirements set in the "Malaysian Standard MS EN (P) 643:2021 Paper and board - European list of standard grades of paper and board for

recycling. paper for recycling” (not attached, but may be purchased from <https://msonline.jsm.gov.my/>).

For your convenience, we add the [SIRIM Metal Scrap Presentation](#) made on August 23 this year and the accompanying [Guideline for Metal Scrap Imports](#) (first edition February 2021).

It is important to note that no date has yet been scheduled for the official gazetting of the new rules, nor for their implementation. While few changes are anticipated in the guidance documents to which links are provided in this news item, we expect the applicable versions of all guidance documents to be confirmed prior to implementation.

BIR keeps urging the Malaysian authorities to recognize the very valuable contribution that the current supply of recycled raw materials shipped to Malaysia is providing. It benefits through processing and supply both the domestic consumers and thereby the economy of Malaysia. In addition, any subsequent exports of processed recycled materials are beneficial to the global circular economy, carbon emission reductions, sustainability and the Green Economy. Inhibiting the current supply chain would be detrimental to these benefits.



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