



## When should I apply for a permit to export plastic waste?

Permits must be sought from ECCC, and received by the exporter, prior to shipping.

**1. You are strongly advised to apply for a permit for all plastic waste to all non-USA destinations, as each country can implement the new rules as they see appropriate.**

**2. Export permits are required for any plastic waste that cannot meet the requirements of Basel Convention entry B3011 for all non-USA destinations.** Effectively, only clean plastic polymers of a single resin, or the specified mixtures of polypropylene, polyethylene and polyethylene terephthalate, may be exempt from controls, pending destination.

**3. Canada continues to require EIHWHRMR export permits for any plastic waste, whether clean or dirty, destined to or transiting through countries with prohibitions for plastic waste, including specific import requirements that need to be met.**

## Figure 1: Steps to Help Assess, Apply and Comply with Plastic Waste Requirements and Permits

### ASSESS

- **Assess the plastic you propose to export, against the Basel Convention -plastic waste entries**, and consider whether they are consistent with the entry in terms of quality, composition, and potential contamination levels of the supply.
- **Learn the rules and requirements for plastic waste imports into your proposed country of destination.**
- **Identify countries where the shipment may transit by ground, or where transshipment happens.**
- **Ensure proposed buyer and recycler hold valid import permits** in the country of import, and are authorized to manage the plastic wastes you propose to supply.

### APPLY

- **Apply for permit well ahead of proposed shipments.** Timelines for review of permit applications overseas are unpredictable, and in some cases may take many months. A permit to export from, or transit wastes through Canada or another country, can be applied for online via the Canadian Notice and Movement Tracking System (CNMETS) found at <https://ec.ss.ec.gc.ca/>.
- **Identify a specific facility that can receive the plastic wastes.** Export and transit permits are only issued for shipments from a single location to a specific foreign receiver, and require a contract between parties.
- **Ensure you are prepared for the submission and review of the permit application**, both in Canada and by the destination country (e.g. some countries may request photos of the plastics, or foreign factory certifications).

### COMPLY

- Once you receive your permit, **comply with the conditions of the permit, and take steps to minimise risk of shipment rejection** (e.g. consistent quality, cleanliness, and compliance with permits).

### CONTACT

- For more information please visit the ECCC website on the EIHWHRMR at [www.canada.ca/hazardous-waste](http://www.canada.ca/hazardous-waste).
- For questions and assistance with permit applications, please direct them to [ec.notification.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.notification.ec@canada.ca).