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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

The Ministry has reviewed the prescribed limits for non- paper materials in waste paper consignments being imported from other countries. In supersession of the O.M. issued *vide* No. 13-1/2004-HSM dated 11.05.2010, the revised guidelines and specifications for non-paper materials in waste paper consignments are as follows:

- i. Import and export of paper, paperboard and paper product wastes shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions laid down under the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 as amended from time to time.
- ii. Import of paper wastes shall be only for recovery/ manufacture at the paper-manufacturing unit and the imported material shall not be sold further.
- iii. The importers would have to ensure that all recyclable materials are actually recycled by them. Further, there should be no disposal of materials other than by recycling or co-processing in cement kilns or through waste to energy plants.
- iv. The extent of non-paper materials, which is otherwise on open General License (OGL), shall not exceed the limits specified below. However, there shall be no putrefiable organic matter at all in the imported waste paper consignment.


S. No.	Grade	Limit (in percent)
1.	Residential Mixed Paper	5
2.	Soft Mixed Paper	
3.	Hard Mixed Paper	
4.	Boxboard Cuttings	
5.	Mill Wrappers	
6.	News	
7.	News, De-ink Quality	
8.	Special News, De-ink quality	
9.	Over-Issue News	
10.	Magazines	
11.	Corrugated Containers	
12.	Double Sorted Corrugated	
13.	New Double –Lined Kraft Corrugated Cuttings	
14.	Fibers Cores	
15.	Used Brown Kraft	
16.	Mixed Kraft Cuttings	
17.	Carrier Stock	
18.	New Colored Kraft	
19.	Grocery Bag Scrap	



20.	Kraft Multi –Wall Bag Scrap	
21.	New Brown Kraft Envelope Cuttings	
22.	Mixed Ground wood shavings	
23.	Telephone Directories	
24.	White Blank News	
25.	Ground wood Computer Printout	
26.	Publication Blanks	
27.	Flyleaf Shavings	
28.	Coated Soft White Shavings	
29.	Hard White Shavings	
30.	Hard White Envelope Cuttings	
31.	New Colored Envelope Cuttings	
32.	Semi Bleached Cuttings	
33.	Unsorted Office Paper	
34.	Sorted Office Paper	
35.	Manifold Colored Ledger	
36.	Sorted White Ledger	
37.	Manifold Colored Ledger	
38.	Computer Printout	
39.	Coated Book Stock	
40.	Coated Ground wood Sections	
41.	Printed Bleached Board Cuttings	
42.	Misprinted Bleached Board	
43.	Unprinted Bleached Board	
44.	#1 Bleached Cup Stock (*1 Cup)	
45.	*2 Printed Bleached Cup Stock (*2 Cup)	
46.	Unprinted Bleached Board	
47.	Printed Bleached Plate Stock kinds	
48.	Specialty Grades (White waxed cup cuttings, printed waxed cup cuttings, Plastic coated cups, polycoated bleached kraft – unprinted, polycoated bleached Kraft-printed, polycoated milk carton stock, polycoated diaper stock, polycoated boxboard cuttings, waxed boxboard cuttings, printed and /or unprinted bleached sulphate containing foil. Waxed corrugated cuttings, Wet strength corrugated cuttings, Asphalt laminated corrugated cuttings, Beer carton scrap, Contaminated bag scrap, insoluble glued free sheet paper and /or board, white wet strength scrap, Brown wet strength scrap, Printed and /or colored wet strength scrap, File stock, New computer printout, Ruled white, Fly leaf shavings containing hot melt glue, Carbon mix, Books with covers, Unsorted tabulating cards, colored tabulating cards, Carbonless treated ledger, Plastic windowed envelopes, Textiles boxes, Printed TMP, Unprinted TMP, manila tabulating cards, Sorted colored ledgers)	
49.	All Kind of Plastic, Wood, Sand, Metal, Textile and Glass	
50.	Bio Medical Waste, Municipal Solid Waste, Post Consumer domestic waste and any other waste or contaminants not enlisted in this OM.	None permitted



- v. The imports should be accompanied by a certificate of origin naming the foreign facility from where the material originated, whether it is a result of single stream or dual stream waste collection, and a credible pre-shipment inspection report based on a bale-break report.
  - vi. The importer should obtain a quarterly certificate from the SPCB, that the non-paper waste included in the previous imports made in quarter preceding the immediately preceding quarter, has been scientifically disposed of and especially, the plastic has been sent to waste to energy plants or cement kilns. This certificate should be a mandatory document to be submitted to the customs authority at the time of clearance of the import consignment.
  - vii. If any contaminants more than as specified above are found in any imported container, the same shall be sent back to the exporting country and the importer shall bear the cost thereof. However, the importer will have an option to pay penalty of 25% of the value of the container instead of re-exporting the material. The whole material of such container will be handed over to cement kilns for co-processing or in waste to energy plants for energy generation under the supervision of respective SPCBs/PCCs. The importer shall either have own waste to energy plant or a standing arrangement with a waste to energy plant or a cement plant for this purpose.
2. The contents of paper wastes must be verified by the Customs authorities in respect of each consignment imported into the country.
  3. Adherence to stipulated conditions would be verified by the Customs Authorities, the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB)/Pollution Control Committee (PCC) concerned and the regional offices of MoEFCC.
  4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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