

Notification of Department of Industrial Works

Re: Criteria for permission of importing plastics, either used or unused, and its scraps into the Kingdom of Thailand

Ministry of Commerce has appointed Department of Industrial Works, Ministry of Industry, to be the issuer of a permit for import of plastics, either used or unused, and its scraps into the Kingdom of Thailand for the recycling purpose, as prescribed in the Order of Ministry of Commerce number 108/2539 regarding the appointment of authority in permission of importing plastics, either used or unused, and its scraps into the Kingdom of Thailand, dated 29th March B.E. 2539. Department of Industrial Works, thereby, prescribes the permission criteria as follows:

“The applicant for permission to import plastics, either used or unused, and its scraps into the Kingdom of Thailand shall possess the following qualifications,

1. The applicant shall be a factory which main business is to produce plastic products.
2. Imported plastic scraps shall be used as a raw material in a factory only. Its import for commercial purposes (e.g. sell or distribute) is prohibited.
3. The import as described in 2 shall be allowed to be process by importing agency.
4. Imported plastic scraps shall be sorted into each type of plastic material, and shall be processed into small pieces of approximately less than 2 centimeters in length.
5. Imported plastic scraps shall be able to apply directly into the production process without pre-washing step.
6. The applicant shall submit a yearly plan of importing plastic scraps to Department of Industrial Works, including an application for a permit to import general goods (Form Kho.4). In such plan, please at least specify,
 - 6.1 Name and type of imported plastic scraps, including chemical and physical properties.
 - 6.2 Production process of plastic products.
 - 6.3 Quantity of plastic products to be produced.
 - 6.4 Type of goods being produced.
 - 6.5 Type of additives used with raw material in production process.
 - 6.6 Environment management system and safety policy in a factory.

- 6.7 Disposal of residues from production process.
- 6.8 Marketing plan of the products, both domestic plan and exporting plan.
7. Allowable quantity of imported plastic scraps shall be the amount that is indispensable to a factory and not exceeding the installed capacity of the production process.
8. Department of Industrial Works only permits the import of plastic scraps from the country that has ratified to the Basel Convention.”

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