

Inspection of Plastic and Rubber Waste under Ministerial Decree 342 of 2018 and Inspection of Rags and Yarn Waste under Circular 19 of 2022

Description:

- The importation of used goods listed in Annex 2 of Regulation 770 of 2005, concerning goods allowed for import in used condition, is permitted according to the conditions specified in the annex.
- Items presented to the General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC) from these categories include:

Firstly: Cotton Rags, Yarn Waste, Bundles, and Thick Ropes (In accordance with item 11 of Annex 2) **Secondly: Scrap, Waste, and Cuttings of Synthetic Plastics** (In accordance with item 8 of Annex 2 and amended by Ministerial Decree 372 of 2018)

- This includes:
 - Scrap and waste of plastics and rubber in all forms, suitable for recycling.
 - Plastics and rubber to be recycled.

Location:

- The branch of GOEIC at sea, air, and land ports is the sole entity to which customs refer the documents of imported consignments.
- This branch is also the sole entity to issue final inspection results.

Firstly: Cotton Rags, Yarn Waste, Bundles, and Thick Ropes (In accordance with item 11 of Annex 2) **1. Conditions for Import Permission:**

- The material must be cotton.
- It must be used only for re-spinning.
- It must be imported for the account of a factory licensed to engage in re-spinning.
- It must pass the inspection and laboratory tests by the Export Support Fund.

2. Required Documents:

1. A document indicating production activity with a license for re-spinning, such as:
 - A valid industrial register certificate.
 - Or a valid production supplies card.
 - Or an import certificate for raw materials, production supplies, and spare parts for capital equipment in accordance with the Investment Law.
2. Invoice.
3. Bill of lading.
4. Packing list.
5. Official power of attorney or authorization with bank signature verification in the absence of the concerned party.

6. According to Import Circular 32/2019, a paper Form 4 is not required if banks print the reference number of Form 4 on the invoice and link it electronically to the customs declaration for consignments exceeding \$2000.
7. According to Import Circular 34/2019, a paper receipt for administrative expenses (Annex 11) is not required if the relevant customs office confirms that the bank has collected these fees and notified customs electronically.

3. Procedures for Obtaining the Service:

- Verify that the consignment is imported under a production supplies record and that the industrial register includes re-spinning activity.
- Samples are taken and manually coded and sent to the Yarn and Textile Support Fund for inspection and verification of the material (cotton) and its suitability for re-spinning.
- Results are recorded in the window system and the acceptable results are sent by official letter to the Industrial Control for monitoring the factory's operation.

Secondly: Scrap, Waste, and Cuttings of Synthetic Plastics Conditions for Import Permission: Firstly: Conditions for Importing Scrap and Waste of Plastics and Rubber in All Forms Suitable for Recycling (In accordance with item 8/a of Annex 2 and amended by Ministerial Decree 372 of 2018) under tariff code 39.15

1. Must be imported to a factory licensed to engage in the recycling of these items.
2. If these items are used as alternative fuel, they are only permitted for import if:
 - They are for a factory authorized to use alternative fuel.
 - The factory has obtained approval from both the Environmental Affairs Agency and the General Authority for Industrial Development.
3. Must not include intact or defective pneumatic tires.
4. Must be accompanied by an inspection and analysis certificate from an internationally accredited laboratory registered with GOEIC, stating that the item does not contain any pollutants or components listed in Annex I of the Basel Convention at a level that would classify it as hazardous under Annex III of the same convention regarding:
 - Toxicity.
 - Flammability.
 - Reactivity.
 - Radioactivity.
 - Corrosiveness.
5. The levels must exceed permissible limits or be at concentrations sufficient to exhibit one of these characteristics.
6. Must be accompanied by a fumigation certificate before shipment, and fumigation must be conducted at the port of arrival.

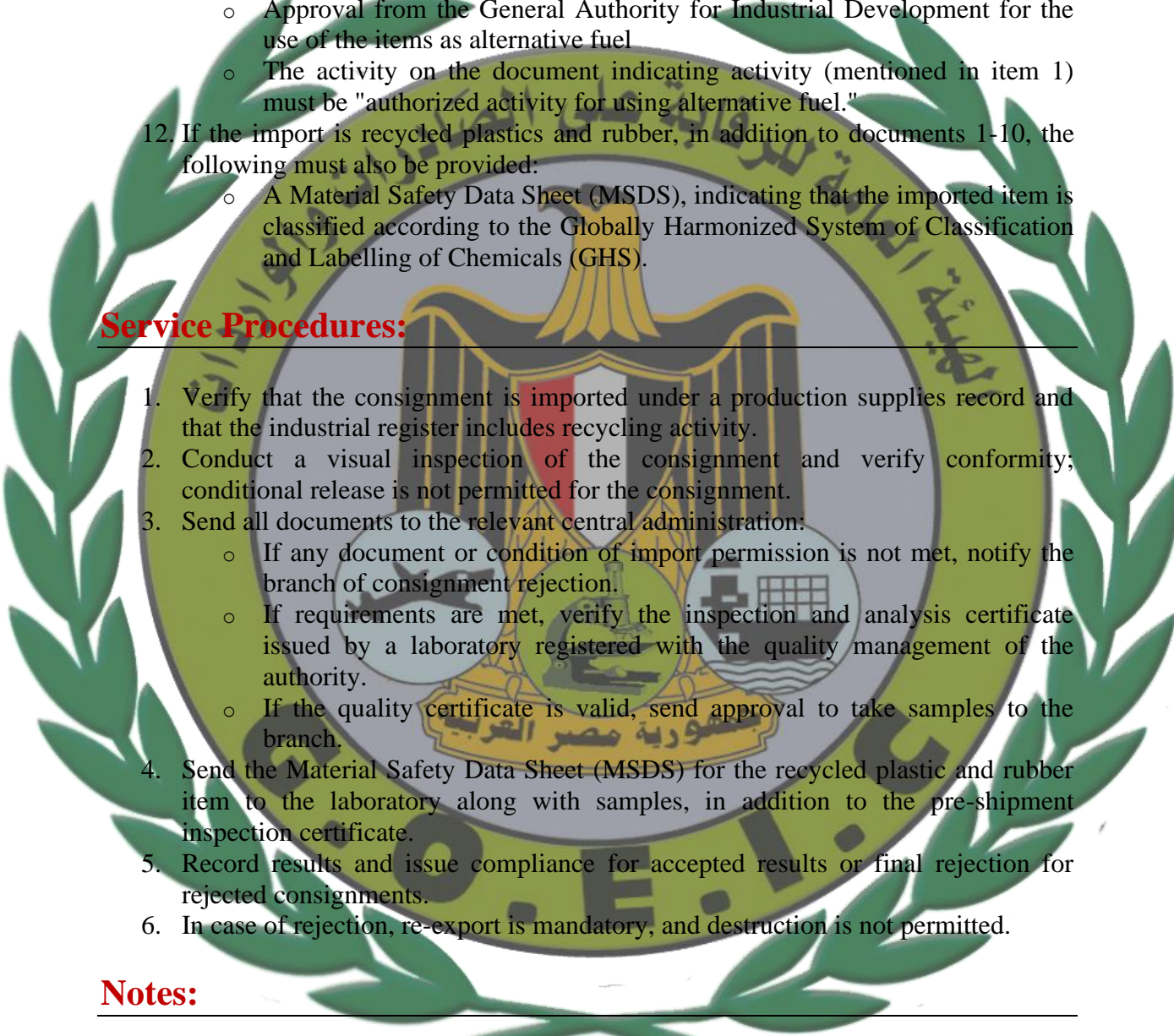
Secondly: Conditions for Importing Recycled Plastics and Rubber

According to item (8 b) of Annex (2) and amended by Ministerial Decree 372 of 2018 under tariff code (39.15)

1. Must be accompanied by an inspection and analysis certificate from an internationally accredited laboratory, confirming that the imported item does not contain any of the pollutants or components listed in Annex I of the Basel Convention at levels that would classify it as hazardous under Annex III of the same convention regarding:
 - Toxicity
 - Flammability
 - Reactivity
 - Radioactivity
 - Corrosiveness
2. The levels must exceed permissible limits or be at concentrations sufficient to exhibit one of these characteristics.
 - Must be accompanied by a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
 - The imported item must be classified according to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).
3. Must be imported to factories licensed by the General Authority for Industrial Development to engage in recycling activities.
4. Must be accompanied by a fumigation certificate before shipping and must undergo fumigation upon arrival.

Required Documents:

1. Document indicating production activity with a license for recycling, such as:
 - A valid industrial register certificate
 - Or a valid production supplies card
 - Or an import certificate for raw materials, production supplies, and spare parts for capital equipment in accordance with the Investment Law
2. Invoice
3. Bill of lading
4. Packing list
5. Official power of attorney or authorization with bank signature verification in the absence of the concerned party
6. According to Import Circular 32/2019, a paper Form 4 is not required if banks print the reference number of Form 4 on the invoice and link it electronically to the customs declaration for consignments exceeding \$2000.
7. According to Import Circular 34/2019, a paper receipt for administrative expenses (Annex 11) is not required if the relevant customs office confirms that the bank has collected these fees and notified customs electronically.
8. An inspection and analysis certificate from an internationally accredited laboratory confirming that the imported item does not contain any pollutants or components listed in Annex I of the Basel Convention at levels that would classify it as hazardous under Annex III of the same convention regarding toxicity, flammability, reactivity, radioactivity, and corrosiveness.

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9. Fumigation certificate before shipping
 10. Fumigation certificate at the port of arrival
 11. If the import is scrap and waste of plastics and rubber suitable for recycling and used as alternative fuel, the following must also be provided:
 - Approval from the Environmental Affairs Agency for the use of the items as alternative fuel.
 - Approval from the General Authority for Industrial Development for the use of the items as alternative fuel
 - The activity on the document indicating activity (mentioned in item 1) must be "authorized activity for using alternative fuel."
 12. If the import is recycled plastics and rubber, in addition to documents 1-10, the following must also be provided:
 - A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), indicating that the imported item is classified according to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

Service Procedures:

1. Verify that the consignment is imported under a production supplies record and that the industrial register includes recycling activity.
2. Conduct a visual inspection of the consignment and verify conformity; conditional release is not permitted for the consignment.
3. Send all documents to the relevant central administration:
 - If any document or condition of import permission is not met, notify the branch of consignment rejection.
 - If requirements are met, verify the inspection and analysis certificate issued by a laboratory registered with the quality management of the authority.
 - If the quality certificate is valid, send approval to take samples to the branch.
4. Send the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the recycled plastic and rubber item to the laboratory along with samples, in addition to the pre-shipment inspection certificate.
5. Record results and issue compliance for accepted results or final rejection for rejected consignments.
6. In case of rejection, re-export is mandatory, and destruction is not permitted.

Notes:

1. Conditional release is allowed for cotton rags and waste (item 11) but not for synthetic waste (item 8).
2. In case of laboratory rejection of synthetic waste, re-export is mandatory, and destruction is not permitted.
3. The inspection and analysis certificate for the mentioned items must be from one of the companies registered with the authority and issued from the country of shipment.

4. Customs are responsible for verifying that scrap and waste of plastics and rubber suitable for recycling do not include intact or defective pneumatic tires.

