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HAZARDOUS WASTE IMPORTATION NOTIFICATION GUIDELINES

The Guam Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (GHWMR) Part IV, Subpart N require that “any person who imports hazardous wastes into Guam from a foreign source” must notify the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) and obtain an Administrator’s Consent. The following guidelines describe the procedure for notification. Any questions concerning these guidelines should be directed to the GEPA Hazardous Waste Management Program.

1. Pursuant to GHWMR Part IV Subpart N, notification must be given in accordance with the following:

i. The primary importer of hazardous waste must notify GEPA of an intended import before such waste is scheduled its initial point of embarkation. A complete notification must be submitted sixty (60) days before the initial shipment is intended to be shipped off-site. This notification may cover import activities extending over a six (6) month or lesser period. The notification must be in writing, signed by the primary importer, and include the following information:

A. Name, mailing address, telephone number and EPA ID number of the primary importer;

B. A description of each hazardous waste and the EPA hazardous waste number (from 40 CFR Part 261, Subparts C and D), U.S. DOT proper shipping number (UN/NA) for each hazardous waste as identified in 49 CFR Parts 171 through 177;

C. The estimated frequency or rate at which such waste is to be imported and the period of time over which such waste is to be imported;

D. The estimated total quantity of the hazardous waste in units as specified in the instructions to the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest Form (8700-22);

E. All points of entry to and departure from each port through which the hazardous waste will pass en route to Guam;

F. A description of the means by which each shipment of the hazardous waste will be transported (e.g., highway, rail, water, etc.), type(s) of container (drums, boxes, etc.);

G. A description of the manner in which the hazardous waste will be treated, stored, or disposed of on Guam (e.g., land or ocean incineration, other land disposal, recycling, storage, or other treatment);

H. The name and site address of the treatment, storage, or disposal facility on Guam, and any alternate facility; and

I. The name of any transit Port through which the hazardous waste will be sent and a description of the approximate length of time the hazardous waste will remain in such port and the nature of its handling while there.

ii. Notification shall be sent to the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Hazardous Waste Management Program, P.O. Box 22439 GMF, Barrigada, Guam 96921 with "Attention: Notification to Import" prominently displayed on the front of the envelope.

iii. Except for changes to the telephone number in paragraph (1)(i)(A) of this document, changes to paragraph (1)(i)(C) of this document and decreases in the quantity indicated pursuant to paragraph (1)(i)(E) of this document, when the conditions specified on the original notification change (including any exceedance of the estimate of the quantity of hazardous waste specified in the original notification), the primary importer must provide GEPA with a written notification of the change. The shipment cannot take place until consent of the Administrator to the changes (except for changes to paragraph (1)(i)(A) of this document) have been obtained and the primary importer receives the Administrator's Consent reflecting the Administrator's approval of the changes.

iv. Upon request by GEPA, a primary importer shall furnish to GEPA any additional information which the Administrator requests in order to respond to a notification.

2. The importer may accept the hazardous waste only after receiving the Administrator's Consent to the shipment. The Administrator will give consent, on the basis of a thorough evaluation, to the importation of the hazardous waste. The Administrator's Consent will be given whenever that evaluation determines that the primary importer complies with all applicable local and federal regulations; the conditions delineated in all applicable licenses or permits issued to the designated hazardous waste generator, transporter(s), and receiving treatment, storage and/or disposal facility; and the requirement of paragraph one of this document.

3. A copy of the Administrator's Consent to the shipment must accompany the hazardous waste shipment and be attached to the manifest, or shipping paper for exports by water (bulk shipment).

4. The hazardous waste shipment must meet the terms and conditions of the Administrator's Consent.

5. Imported hazardous waste containers may only be opened by the Treatment, Storage, and/or Disposal (TSD) Facility representatives at the receiving facility. All containers must be sealed when exported and seals must be intact in their original state at the time of importation.