

Packaging Waste - Evidence of broadly equivalent standards

All evidence submitted to demonstrate broadly equivalent evidence must :

- relate to the overseas reprocessing site that is included in the application and
- have a valid date at the time of submission and
- refer to the reprocessing activity and the conditions/standards that it needs to operate and
- have an English translation and be accompanied by a photocopy of the original document and
- have an official stamp on the original document and reference to the competent authority, if it is a permit.

If a renewal to a licence is provided, a copy of the original licence must also be supplied.

Where the activity is regulated by a licensing regime, a copy of the permit is required. An ISO14001 will only be accepted where a country does not regulate the overseas reprocessing site through a permitting regime.

A statement from the competent authority which shows that the reprocessing site is regulated and works within a system that meets broadly equivalent evidence is acceptable. However, listed **below** are examples of documents that acceptably demonstrate broadly equivalent standards in some countries. This must be read alongside [current waste shipment controls](#). Documents required for waste shipments must be considered separately.

Please ensure you have the correct version number for this guidance as it will be updated regularly.

Country	Regime details	Acceptable documents	Notes
Bangladesh	Regulated at country level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Permit from the People's Republic of Bangladesh	This document will include terms and conditions of operation.
Brazil	Regulated at	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Operating licence,	'Certificate of Registration from Brazilian Army' / 'Certificate of

	state level	Government State of 'XXXX', from Environmental Secretariat	Potentially Polluting Activities' are not valid alone. Must have operating licence.
China		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At least 2 of the following are required: ▪ Business licence or Operator's licence ▪ Waste disposal certificate, environmental report or inspection report (valid within 2 years), waste emissions permit or pollution discharge permit 	<p>None of these are sufficient by themselves. A Business or Operator's Licence must be accompanied by one of the suggested acceptable documents.</p> <p>A SEPA (import) licence is required for TFS Regulations compliance. They do not cover the facility itself.</p> <p>An AQSIQ is not valid. It does not cover the reprocessing facility. It only covers imports into the country and relates to the quality of the material.</p> <p>Import licences only cover imports, not the reprocessing facility</p>
Egypt		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISO 14001 	
Hong Kong		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Environmental Permit e.g. Water Pollution Control Ordinance ▪ ISO 14001 	Where the activity is regulated by a licensing regime, a copy of the permit is required. However, where the activity is not required to be licensed, a relevant ISO14001 will be accepted.
India	Regulated at state level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pollution Control Board Licence (PCB) <i>or</i> ▪ Authorisation/consent certificate 	Extensions to PCB licences are not acceptable alone. The original licence must also be submitted.
Indonesia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permission/ Permit of Liquid Waste Disposal 	LIMBA (import) licence is required only for TFS compliance. It is not acceptable evidence of broadly equivalent standards as it does not demonstrate that the overseas site is being regulated under an

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISO 14001 	<p>environmental regime.</p> <p>Where the activity is regulated by a licensing regime, a copy of the permit is required. However, where the activity is not required to be licensed, a relevant ISO14001 will be accepted.</p>
Iran		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISO 14001 	
Malaysia	Regulated by Department of Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scheduled Waste Management and Disposal Facility from DoE ▪ Environmental Impact Assessment from DoE with clear approval conditions. ▪ Application Approval for Recycling Activities ▪ Pre-Siting Evaluation from DoE 	Warehouse/ Manufacturing licences from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry are not acceptable.
Morocco		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISO14001 	
Pakistan	Regulated at state level. Pakistan have provincial environment protection agencies, all set up under The Pakistan Environmental Protection Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISO14001 	
Nepal		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISO14001 	

Philippines		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Environment and Natural Resources permit to operate or Environmental Compliance Certificate 	
Singapore	Regulated by National Environment Agency of Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Environment Agency Permit or licence ▪ 	<p>NEA permit is a minimum requirement. A number of these may be required for one site (e.g. for waste storage, discharges).</p> <p>Business registration is not valid on its own.</p>
Sri Lanka		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISO 14001 	
Taiwan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regulated Recyclable Waste Disposal Enterprise Registration Certificate ▪ Operation licence ▪ ISO 14001 	<p>At least one of these documents is required.</p> <p>Business certificate is not valid on its own</p> <p>Where the activity is regulated by a licensing regime, a copy of the permit is required. However, where the activity is not required to be licensed, a relevant ISO14001 will be accepted.</p>
Thailand		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISO 14001 	
United Arab Emirates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISO14001 	
Vietnam		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of full conditions from Department and Resources (local provincial government) 	

The list of evidence types is not a prescriptive list - these are just examples of the types previously received which have been agreed between the Agencies¹ to acceptably demonstrate broadly equivalence. If other documents are provided and they explain how reprocessing operations are regulated to protect the environment then these will be considered and may be accepted.

¹ Environment Agency, Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Northern Ireland Environment Agency