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TO: Competent Authorities for Waigani Convention
Focal Points for Waigani Convention

SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND'S NEW REGULATIONS FOR IMPORT OF PLASTIC WASTE

SPREP has received advice from the New Zealand Government that it has approved regulations under the [Imports and Exports \(Restrictions\) Prohibition Order \(No 2\) 2004](#) for the international trade in plastic waste.

The new regulations mean that from 1 January 2021 countries will need a permit from New Zealand's Environmental Protection Authority before they can ship certain types of plastic waste to New Zealand.

Pacific Parties to the Basel and Waigani Conventions with ongoing or planned imports of plastic waste to New Zealand are advised to check the EPA webpage [Importing and Exporting Plastic Waste](#) for more information on how to determine whether you need a permit for your shipments.

More information on the permitting process can be obtained by contacting the Environmental Protection Authority at ImportsExports@epa.govt.nz

Kind Regards,



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