



## ANSWERS TO CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

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Subject: Request for tenders: **Technical Assistance to support the development of a Waste Deposit Levy for Samoa**

- (1) Would you say that the objective of the Waste Deposit Regulation is to provide for a compulsory levy on imported products to provide financial security for the recovery, dismantling, sorting, packing and shipment of waste materials to recovery and recycling markets.

**Yes, although some items can potentially be recycled in country (i.e., glass)**

- (2) The scope of work appears to be open to suggestions for any material/products that could be included in potential regulations but focusses in particular on recyclables. Is the scope restricted to recyclables or would it include any material/products?

**Scope is generally limited to recyclables but not limited as part of this TOR. The Waste Deposit systems are generally designed to make it economically viable to collect and export recyclable items that are not currently able to be recycled in Pacific islands. Some countries include products as part of their Waste Deposits that do not have a recycle value (i.e., tetra-pac and diapers) and these are appropriate in some settings.**

- (3) Is the broad model being considered a simple, border-based deposit and/or advance disposal fee (by type) collected at Samoa's Ports and Airports?

**Yes - broad model is a border-based deposit or advance disposal fee. Specifics to be determined during the feasibility study.**

- (4) Is there interest in the prohibition of hard to recycle materials or tax-based incentives/disincentives?

**Question to be included as part of the feasibility study. The consultants are recommended to provide a recommendation on these materials based on the findings of the study.**

- (5) Task 1 refers to field surveys as one of the activities expected in the work. We are unable to complete field surveys as part of this work, due to travel restrictions and budget. Will field surveys be undertaken, or have they already been undertaken, by people in Samoa?



**As discussed in the RFT, due to the current uncertainty with travel arrangements due to COVID-19, this technical assistance is requested to be remote and not require travel to Samoa. It is anticipated the successful consultant will have a dedicated MNRE officer to work with to complete in-country components.**

**Field studies have not been undertaken,**

For work that will need to be undertaken will this be at the expense of Samoa's MNRE?

**To be confirmed, it is recommended to be considered as part of the tender application**

- (6) What information does SPREP or MNRE have at present about:
- the types and volumes of recyclables currently in Samoa (legacy waste/stockpiles);
  - the current recycling rates and estimated expenditure to manage/export each recyclable material
  - the types, volumes and frequency of materials and products imported into Samoa
  - the number of collection/recycling/recovery business currently operating in Samoa and the types of materials they accept and the associated costs.
  - Details of local manufacturing/production of products that are supplied to Samoa's domestic market and contribute to the waste products to be considered.
  - Details of whether products are imported and then exported to other countries.

**Obtaining and reviewing this information to be included as part of the feasibility study. Waste audit recently conducted obtaining data on some of these items.**

- (7) The RFP mentions a circular economy, but also mentions exporting waste. Is the objective to re-export some or all recyclable materials (which might conflict with some interpretations of circular economy)?

**The purpose of Waste Deposit systems in the Pacific is to make a viable system for recyclable items to reach recycling markets. It is envisaged that the outcome of this consultancy is to set a basis for a Circular Economy in the future for Samoa. This consultancy is focused on introducing a legal framework to provide financial security for the recovery, dismantling, sorting for recycling.**