



Environment  
Agency

**Producer responsibility obligations (Packaging Waste)  
Regulations 2007 (as amended)**

**Notification of a grant of accreditation**

<b>Accredited operator</b>	Sharp Polymer Solutions Limited
<b>Registered address</b>	Mazars Llp, 6 Dominus Way, Meridian Business Park, Leicester, LE19 1RP
<b>Companies House number</b>	08004737
<b>Accreditation Number</b>	EX202016152
<b>Operator Type</b>	Exporter
<b>Tonnage Limits</b>	none
<b>Process</b>	Export for the recycling of plastic

The accreditation will commence on **1 January 2020** and, unless notified in writing by the Environment Agency, will remain valid until **31 December 2020**.

We may cancel the accreditation or in certain circumstances it may be 'deemed' to be cancelled.

This accreditation only applies to the above named operator and process. You must notify the Environment Agency immediately in writing of any changes to the details submitted with your application. If you sell the business you will no longer be an accredited exporter. The purchaser of the business may have to make a new application for accreditation.

**You are reminded that ePERNs must not be issued for more than the total amount of packaging waste which is exported for reprocessing. Any ePERNs issued contrary to this are invalid and may not be accepted as evidence of compliance if presented by a Producer or Scheme. You cannot issue ePERNs on packaging waste unless it can be lawfully sent to, received and reprocessed at the intended site in the country of destination.**

Additional guidance is provided in Annex III.

### **Conditions of accreditation**

You must comply with the conditions of accreditation in Annex I. Failure to do so may lead to enforcement action.

The overseas sites and/or countries covered by this accreditation are listed in Annex II.

### **Suspension or cancellation of accreditation**

The Agency has the power to suspend or cancel your accreditation if it appears to us that you have:

- (1) failed to comply with any of the conditions of accreditation.
- (2) knowingly or recklessly supplied false information in your application for accreditation.
- (3) knowingly or recklessly supplied false information in connection with your compliance with the conditions of accreditation.

Under regulation 27 there is a statutory right of appeal to the Secretary of State against the decision of the Environment Agency to specify a condition pursuant to paragraph (1)(q)(iii) of schedule 5.

The procedure on appeals is set out in Schedule 6 to the Regulations. A request to appeal should be made within 2 months of the date of this letter, by notice in writing to the Secretary of State stating the grounds of the appeal. The address to which appeals should be sent is:

The Secretary of State  
Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
PR Team  
Environment Quality  
Ground floor  
Seacole Building  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 4DF

The notice should be accompanied by a copy of any correspondence relevant to the appeal and any other document relevant to the appeal and a statement indicating whether you wish the appeal to be in the form of a hearing or to be determined on the basis of written representations. A copy of the notice should be sent to the Environment Agency at the address below, together with copies of the relevant documents.

In addition you can request an independent internal review of our decision to refuse your application. Asking us to review our decision will not affect the time limits within which any statutory appeal must be made. We expect any request to review a regulatory decision to be made promptly, usually within 14 days.

Signed:



Christine Norris

Designation: Senior Technical Officer

Date: 19 December 2019

## **Annex I**

### **Conditions of accreditation**

#### **Export of packaging waste**

1. PERNs shall not be issued for more than the total amount of packaging waste which an accredited exporter exports for reprocessing in the year or part of the year for which he is accredited.

(Schedule 5(1)(d))

2. A PERN may only be issued in respect of packaging waste that is exported in accordance with—

(i) Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on shipments of waste and

(ii) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1418/2007 concerning the export for recovery of certain waste listed in Annex III or IIIA to Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council to certain countries to which OECD Decision on the control of transboundary movements of wastes does not apply.

(Schedule 5(1)(r))

#### **Prohibitions**

3. You must not issue PERNs on any packaging waste

(i) unless it has been exported for reprocessing

(Schedule 5(1)(e))

(ii) unless it is exported for reprocessing in a recycling process which will result in a non-waste material that can be used for a recognised purpose

(iii) unless it is exported for reprocessing to an overseas site or EU/OECD country that has been approved by the Environment Agency in writing under regulation 24(7)

(iv) unless it is exported in compliance with the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulations 2007

(v) unless you are the legal owner of the waste when it is exported from the UK

(vi) in respect of which a PRN or PERN has previously been issued

(vii) that has been exported prior to the date on which accreditation commences.

(Schedule 5(1)(q)(iii))

#### **Compliance with Application**

4. You must undertake sampling and inspection of packaging waste exported for reprocessing, in accordance with a plan approved by the appropriate Agency.

(Schedule 5(1)(q)(ii))

5. You may only issue PERNs in respect of any packaging waste if

(i) The type of packaging waste

(ii) The method by which it has been sourced

(iii) The process by which it has been accepted, sampled and inspected

is in accordance with your application (uploaded 14 November 2019) unless a variation has been approved by the Environment Agency in writing.

(Schedule 5(1)(q)(iii))

### **Adjustment**

6. An adjustment must be made to the waste recording on NPWD within 14 days in respect of waste for which a PERN has been issued

(i) in respect of waste that is not packaging

(ii) in respect of packaging waste where conditions 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 above have not all been complied with in full

(iii) in respect of waste not reprocessed at the site specified on the export documents

(iv) to meet the requirement of 16(iii).

(Schedule 5(1)(q)(iii))

### **Receipt in December**

7. PERNs which relate to packaging waste received for reprocessing in December of a year shall specify that fact.

(Schedule 5(1)(f))

### **PERNs issued after 31 January**

8. Where a PERN has not been issued by 31st January in any year in respect of an amount of packaging waste exported for reprocessing in the previous year a PERN for that amount shall not be issued to producers or operators of schemes, or to the representatives of producers or operators of schemes but shall be issued to the appropriate Agency on or before 28th February in that year.

(Schedule 5(1)(g))

9. Subject to 8 above, PERNs may only be issued to producers or operators of schemes, or to the representatives of producers or operators of schemes.

(Schedule 5(1)(k))

### **Recording PERNs**

10. The weight of packaging waste recorded on a PERN shall be—

(i) rounded up to the nearest whole tonne where the part tonne is 0.5 or more

(ii) rounded down to the nearest whole tonne where the part tonne is less than 0.5.

(Schedule 5(1)(i))

## Records and Reports

11. Records shall be maintained for each quarter year on a form made available for the purpose by the appropriate Agency, shall be retained for at least 4 years after the end of the year in which the record is made and shall be made available to the Environment Agency on demand.

(Schedule 5(1)(m))

12. Reports shall be provided to the appropriate Agency before each of 21st April, 21st July, 21st October and 28th February in respect of the previous quarter year on—

(i) the tonnage of packaging waste exported for reprocessing in that quarter

(ii) the tonnage of packaging waste reprocessed in that quarter

(iii) the number of PERNs issued in that quarter and

(iv) a list of all PERNs issued

on a form provided by the appropriate Agency.

(Schedule 5(1)(n))

13. A report shall be provided to the appropriate Agency before 28th February in each year which

(i) sets out all the information provided in the quarterly reports which relate to the whole of the previous year

(ii) sets out the amount of revenue received in the previous year from the sale of PERNs

(iii) sets out what that amount has been spent on, including information

- investment in infrastructure and the development of capacity for the collection, sorting, treatment and reprocessing of packaging waste
- funding provided to other persons involved in the collection of packaging waste
- reductions in the prices of, and the development of new markets for, materials or goods made from recycled packaging waste
- the cost of complying with obligations in these Regulations
- funds retained for future investment
- the development of a communications strategy for consumers of packaging made from recyclable materials

(iv) accounts for the whole of that amount

(v) sets out and explains any deviation during the previous year from the business plan referred on in regulation 24(1)(c)

(vi) is in the form prescribed by the appropriate Agency for this purpose.

(Schedule 5(1)(o))

14. The following information must be retained for a period of 4 years and made available to the Environment Agency on request

- (i) evidence demonstrating that PERNs have only been issued on eligible packaging waste
  - (ii) evidence that the exported packaging waste has been recycled at the reprocessing site into a non-waste product
  - (iii) records to enable a full audit to be carried out of your procedures and record keeping, as specified in your application for accreditation or any variation approved by the Environment Agency in writing.
- (Schedule 5(1)(q)(iii))

### **Business Plan**

15. You must, in so far as it is possible, implement the business plan submitted as part of your application for accreditation.
- (Schedule 5(1)(q)(i))

### **Interim Sites**

16. If you export via interim sites which sort, partially treat, or bulk up the waste prior to onward supply to an approved final recovery site

- (i) you must provide the names and addresses of any interim sites you use throughout the year in writing to the Agency before the waste is exported
- (ii) you must have the final reprocessing site(s) approved
- (iii) PERNs can only be issued against the weight of the packaging waste accepted for reprocessing at the final reprocessing site

(Schedule 5(1)(q)(iii))

### **Annex VIIs**

17. For all waste exports of packaging material, prior to shipment you must clearly state on the annex VII form if you do or do not intend to issue PERNs on the load and the percentage of waste you intend to issue PERNs on.

(Schedule 5(1)(q)(iii))

### **Plastic packaging waste**

20. You must obtain and retain documentary evidence that the UK plastic packaging waste exported for reprocessing has been recycled in a remelt process at the overseas reprocessing site or have confirmation from the overseas competent authority that it has reached end of waste status.

(Schedule 5(1)(q)(iii))

## Annex II

The accreditation only applies to the below named overseas reprocessors and for the material specific reprocessing activity detailed in your application, and agreed by the Environment Agency for 2020.

<b>Material - Plastic</b>			
Reprocessor		Location	Valid from
1.	Not Specified	AUSTRIA	1 January 2020
2.	Not Specified	BELGIUM	1 January 2020
3.	Not Specified	DENMARK	1 January 2020
4.	Not Specified	FRANCE	1 January 2020
5.	Not Specified	GERMANY	1 January 2020
6.	Not Specified	ITALY	1 January 2020
7.	Not Specified	LUXEMBOURG	1 January 2020
8.	Not Specified	NETHERLANDS	1 January 2020
9.	Not Specified	POLAND	1 January 2020
10.	Not Specified	SLOVAKIA	1 January 2020
11.	Not Specified	SPAIN	1 January 2020
12.	Not Specified	SWEDEN	1 January 2020

You must notify the Environment Agency immediately in writing of any changes to the details submitted with your application.

## Annex III

### Information from gov.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/packaging-waste-apply-to-be-an-accredited-reprocessor-or-exporter#>

### Exporters

You can export from more than one site but you must own the UK sourced packaging waste at the time you export it or have transferred ownership to the overseas site. It must go to the overseas reprocessing site you name in your application, or to the [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\)](#) or [European Union \(EU\)](#) country listed in your application. It must be exported for reprocessing overseas and not for disposal.

If you're brokering the waste or acting as a dealer you must be [registered as a waste broker or dealer](#). You may only register as an exporter if you're the last owner of the waste in the UK.

You cannot issue evidence against the shipment until we've approved the overseas reprocessing site. You must provide and keep details and proof of:

- the packaging waste being UK sourced
- the type of business it comes from
- the weight you export such as by load or container
- where you'll export from
- who owns the material at time of export
- nature of the material such as type and form
- who you're exporting it to
- the end product having a beneficial use and [meeting the end of waste test](#)
- how you intend to keep your records
- compliance with a [national or site specific protocol](#) if applicable
- compliance with an [AAIG](#) if applicable

You need to provide access to export documentation to prove that the material reached or has been accepted by the overseas reprocessing site. For example, a valid contract or completed Annex VII form.

If exporting outside of the EU or OECD countries you must:

- meet 'broadly equivalent' standards
- keep to the Waste Shipments Regulation

### Reprocessors and exporters must upload a business plan.

It must include:

- measurable targets for the volume of packaging waste you'll reprocess or export for reprocessing
- an income forecast from issuing evidence notes
- how you'll reinvest this money and contribute to increasing amounts of UK packaging waste recycling – we may ask you to provide evidence of this



Reprocessors and exporters must upload a **sampling and inspection plan**. It needs to show that the packaging waste you're handling and issuing evidence notes on complies with the rules and is from the UK. It should include:

- what type of materials you reprocess or export, for example, shredded plastic polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles
- your checks with suppliers to make sure the waste you receive or export comes from the UK and is packaging
- how the samples you take to check how much waste packaging is in the loads you receive or export are representative of the loads
- your system for inspecting the waste you receive and determining the weight of packaging
- your system for determining the amount of non-target or non-packaging material that's within loads, this should be excluded from evidence notes
- details of any nationally agreed protocols for mixed loads and how you're complying with the specifications set out in the protocol
- details of any site specific protocols you've developed for mixed loads and details of the sampling regime to justify the amount of packaging waste in the loads
- details of any AAIG protocol used and compliance with the specifications in the AAIG

### **Revenue reports**

You must invest revenue generated from evidence notes in ways that will increase and improve recycling of UK sourced packaging waste.

You need to complete and submit a revenue return on NPWD by 28 February following your accreditation year. Include:

- the income you received in the accredited year from issuing ePRNs or ePERNs
- how you reinvested this money to support improved recycling of UK sourced packaging, choose a category from the list in the revenue reports