

Thailand's submission on
Article 8 Plastic Waste management

Thailand supports Article 8 entitled “Plastic Waste Management” and generally agrees with the proposed text in the Chair non paper 3.0. However, we would like to propose adding some text as follows:

1. Each Party shall take **effective** measures, including, where relevant, through a sectoral approach, to ensure that plastic waste is managed in a **safe and** environmentally sound manner, taking into account the waste hierarchy and relevant guidelines developed under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, and in accordance with any guidelines that may be adopted by the Conference of the Parties to this Convention. In developing such guidelines, the Conference of the Parties shall take into account arrangements in relevant international agreements.
2. Party is encouraged to take additional measures which could include, inter alia:
 - (a) Promoting investment in, and mobilising resources from all sources for, waste management systems and infrastructure that enables environmentally sound management of plastic waste and enhances waste management capacity;
 - (b) Establishing systems at national and local levels for handling, sorting, collection, transportation, storage, recycling and treatment of plastic wastes;
 - (c) Encouraging behavioural changes throughout the value chain and raising public awareness about plastic waste prevention and minimization, taking into account the critical roles of all stakeholders in reducing plastic litter and supporting recycling;
 - (d) Incentivizing increased recyclability, promoting higher recycling rates, and enhancing the accountability of producers and importers for environmentally sound management of plastics and plastic products throughout their life cycle, including by the adoption and implementation of approaches such as extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes;
 - (e) Promoting, developing and strengthening markets for secondary plastics.
3. Each Party shall take measures to ensure that the export of plastic waste is only allowed:
 - (a) For the purpose of safe and environmentally sound recovery, reuse, recycling, or disposal in a manner consistent with this Article; and
 - (b) With the written consent of the importing Party or non-Party.

4. Where export of plastic waste is allowed under paragraph 3, the exporting Party shall:

- (a) Provide to the importing Party or non-Party complete information about the composition of the waste proposed to be exported, including its contents in polymers, chemicals and plastics, and any associated hazards to human health or the environment, including safety data sheets, as relevant.
- (b) Require exporters to comply with generally accepted and recognized international rules, standards and practices for packaging, labelling and transport.

*All exports of plastic waste shall be treated as hazardous waste under the rules and definitions of the Basel Convention unless it can be demonstrated, through clear evidence, that the chemical additives and polymers in the shipment pose no hazard characteristics as defined in Annex II and listed in Annex VII of the Basel Convention.

5. The Conference of the Parties shall, at its first meeting, adopt guidance to assist Parties in their implementation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, including a format for certification to demonstrate that the importing Party or non-Party has measures in place to ensure consistency with the requirements under subparagraph (b) of paragraph 3. In developing such guidance, the Conference of the Parties shall take into account arrangements in relevant international agreements.]

Work in the interim period between the DipCON and COP1 could include guidance on developing national EPR schemes and on exports of plastic waste pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 (for adoption by the COP at its first meeting), and any interim arrangements.