

ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPORTATION AND INSPECTION OF METAL SCRAP

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) made an announcement to the industry in December 2020 regarding the updated version of the Guidelines for Importation of Metal Scrap for HS code 7204 (ferrous scrap), 7404 (copper scrap) and 7602 (aluminium scrap) which will be subject to the approval by SIRIM under Customs (Prohibition of Imports) Order 2017. MITI further informed the industry that the Guidelines will come into effect this year.

Following several public engagement sessions undertaken by SIRIM and related agencies from February to April 2021, MITI has incorporated the feedback from the industry, where appropriate, towards finalising the Guidelines for implementation.

The Government is cognisant that the industry would require sufficient lead time to comply with the revised Guidelines. As an interim measure, the existing import mechanism under the Guidelines by the Department of Environment (DOE) will continue to be enforced until 16 July 2021. Thereafter, beginning 17 July until 31 August 2021, the Guidelines by DOE will be enforced by using the new revised criteria, as follows:

HS Code 7204: Ferrous waste and scrap; remelting scrap ingots of iron & steel

No	Inspection criteria	Requirement (% by weight)
1.	Solid Ferrous	Minimum: 94.75%
2.	Solid Non-Ferrous	Maximum: 5.0 %
3.	Other recoverable materials including plastic	Maximum: 0.25%
4.	Scheduled waste including electrical and electronic	0%
	Total	100%

HS Code 7404: Copper waste and scrap

No	Inspection criteria	Requirement (% by weight)
1.	Solid Non-Ferrous	Minimum: 94.75%
2.	Solid Ferrous	Maximum: 5.0 %
3.	Other recoverable materials including plastic	Maximum: 0.25%
4.	Scheduled waste including electrical and electronic	0%
	Total	100%

HS Code 7602: Aluminium waste and scrap

No	Inspection criteria	Requirement (% by weight)
1.	Solid Non-Ferrous	Minimum: 94.75%
2.	Solid Ferrous	Maximum: 5.0 %
3.	Other recoverable materials including plastic	Maximum: 0.25%
4.	Scheduled waste including electrical and electronic	0%
	Total	100%

Further announcement will be made by MITI and all relevant Government agencies before the revised Guidelines and the implementation procedures by SIRIM come into effect.

MITI would like to emphasise that the overarching objective of the Guidelines is to facilitate genuine importation, for both ferrous and non-ferrous scraps, while protecting the environment from any hazardous contaminants, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Goal 12: Ensure Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns.