

**Legislative Council
Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**Follow-up Action Arising from the Meeting on 24 March 2014 -
Response from the Administration**

**Item 1 Matters on Hong Kong's municipal solid waste recovery rate
and handling of imported waste**

The Administration to consider adding a new classification category of "waste plastics" in Hong Kong's import and export trade statistics.

A comprehensive multi-purpose classification is already in place for use by customs and statistical authorities, traders, carriers and others concerned with international trade. There are six codes covering different types of waste plastics, and these codes are tabulated with some examples given in **Annex 1** for reference. There is therefore no need to add another classification category of "waste plastics" in Hong Kong's import and export trade statistics.

Annex 1

HK Harmonized System Codes for Waste Plastics	Descriptions	Examples
3915	<i>Waste, parings and scrap, of plastics</i>	
39151000	Waste, parings and scrap, of polymers of ethylene (PE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Waste high-density PE detergent bottles● Waste low-density PE plastic bags
39152000	Waste, parings and scrap, of polymers of styrene (PS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Waste clear PS drinking cups● Waste PS fast-food boxes
39153000	Waste, parings and scrap, of polymers of vinyl chloride (PVC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Waste PVC floor coverings● Waste PVC pipes
39159010	Waste, parings and scrap, of polymers of propylene (PP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Waste PP microwave containers● Waste PP drinking straws
39159020	Waste, parings and scrap, of polyethylene terephthalate (PET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Waste PET water bottles● Waste PET juice bottles
39159090	Waste, parings and scrap, of plastics, not elsewhere specified or included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Waste food packaging made of resins