



Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

**NOTICE OF DECISION TO GRANT A PERMIT VARIATION UNDER THE
HAZARDOUS WASTE (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) ACT 1989**

Pursuant to section 33 of the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989*, notice is given that Basel import permit variation AUH20-004 was granted to Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Registration Number 999), PO Box 570, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain (Telephone: +973 17837306).

The particulars of the varied permit are as follows:

- (i) the kind of waste to be imported is spent potlining (SPL) and similar aluminium smelter waste contaminated with cyanide and leachable fluorides (Basel Code A4050);
- (ii) the maximum quantity of the waste that may be imported is 1,000 tonnes;
- (iii) the waste is to be contained during import in sealed, standard six metre shipping containers, lined with high-density polyethylene plastic liner (HDPL) and covered with plywood sheets, transported to the port of export, shipped by sea, and then by road to the recovery facility;
- (iv) the waste may only be imported during the permit period;
- (v) the waste is to be imported from Khalifa Bin Salman Port in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and may only transit the following ports and countries: Jebel Ali Port, United Arab Emirates; Dammam Port, Saudi Arabia; Port of Singapore, Singapore; Port of Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia; Port of Tanjung Priok, Indonesia; Port of Booby Island, Australia, enroute to Port Botany in Sydney, Australia; no other transit ports are permitted;
- (vi) the waste will be dealt with by recovery operation R5 – Recycling/reclamation of other inorganic materials;
- (vii) the waste is to undergo the recovery operation at the Regain SPL Processing Facility in Tomago, New South Wales, Australia, using the Regain SPL processing technology to eliminate the cyanide and explosive gas hazards and to refine the waste material to manufacture new mineral products with fluxing and mineralising properties (Regain HiCal Products) for use in cement manufacture.

The permit period is from 31 July 2020 until the permit expiry date of 31 December 2020. All transboundary movements must be completed by the permit expiry date.

The permit includes and is subject to conditions.

Jason Dunn
Delegate of the Minister
A/g Director
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Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
15 October 2020

Subject to the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, a person or persons whose interests are affected by this decision may, within 28 days, make an application in writing to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment requesting the reasons for the decision.

An application for independent merits review of the decision may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on payment of the relevant fee by the applicant within 28 days of receipt of the reasons for the decision, or within 28 days of this notice if the reasons for

the decision are not sought. Applications should be made to the Principal Registry or the Deputy Registrar, Administrative Appeals Tribunal in your capital city or Territory, as listed under Commonwealth Government Section in the White Pages. For further information, particularly about how to apply for review, visit www.aat.gov.au.

Further information or enquiries relating to the decision should be directed to:

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