



Australian Government

National Environmental Protection Agency

**NOTICE OF DECISION TO GRANT A PERMIT 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 AUH26-028 was granted to Echo Solve Pty Limited (ABN 91 695 575 190), 541-583 Kororoit Creek Road, Altona, VIC 3018 (Telephone: +61 448 377 492).

The particulars of the permit are as follows:

- (i) The proposed recipient of the waste is Echo Solve Pty Limited, 541-583 Kororoit Creek Road, Altona, VIC 3018 (Telephone: +61 448 377 492).
- (ii) The type of waste is waste containing or contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including aqueous film-forming foams, granulated activated carbon contaminated with PFAS, and PFAS-contaminated personal protective equipment and rags (Basel code A4140).
- (iii) The maximum quantity of the waste that may be imported is 250 tonnes.
- (iv) The waste is to be contained during import in intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) with a capacity of approximately 1.0 to 1.2 tonnes, depending on the density of the waste material, or in sealed 200 L drums. All containers are to be placed on pallets and secured before being loaded into bunded, sealed, UN-rated shipping containers for transport.
- (v) The waste is to be transported by road to the port of export, shipped by sea, and then transported by road from the port of destination to the disposal facility.
- (vi) The waste may only be imported during the permit period.
- (vii) The waste is to be exported from the Port of Auckland or the Port of Tauranga, New Zealand, to the Port of Melbourne, Australia.
- (viii) The waste may transit or tranship Australian ports, as needed, and transit the ports of Lyttelton, Port Chalmers, Nelson, Napier, Tauranga, Wellington, and Bluff, New Zealand. No other transit ports are permitted.
- (ix) The waste is to undergo disposal operations at the Echo Solve Pty Limited facility in Altona, VIC.
- (x) The waste is to undergo the following disposal operations:
 - a. D15 – Storage pending any of the operations in Section A of Annex IV to the Basel Convention
 - b. D13 – Blending or mixing prior to submission to any of the operations in Section A of Annex IV to the Basel Convention
 - c. D9 – Physico chemical treatment not specified elsewhere in Annex IV which results in final compounds or mixtures which are discarded by means of any of the operations in Section A, (e.g., evaporation, drying, calcination, neutralization, precipitation, etc.). In this case, the treatment process is direct-fired thermal desorption followed by gas-phase thermal oxidation.

The permit period is from the date below until the last departure date of 31 August 2027. All shipments must leave the port of export before or on the last departure date.

The permit includes and is subject to conditions.

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