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OFFICE MEMORANDUM


Subject: Import of paper Waste -regarding.

This refers to this Office OM of even number dated 24th March 2005 for inspection by Custom Authorities to ensure that only properly segregated paper, paper board and paper product wastes enter the country and to the subsequent representation received from the Indian Paper Manufacturers Association dated 20-10-2005 with a request to issue clarification regarding permissible recyclable materials in the imported waste paper consignments.

2. The undersigned is directed to inform all concerned that the matter has been considered and in this connection, the following is agreed to:

- (i) Upto 8% by weight of waste paper imported for processing by the paper mills may consist of recyclable materials which are otherwise on Open General License (OGL), and no putrefiable organic matter.
- (ii) The maximum 8% content of recyclable materials must be verified by the Customs authorities in respect of each import consignment.
- (iii) The importers would have to ensure that all recyclable materials are actually recycled, either by them or by other firms in the business of recycling. There should be no disposal of materials other than by recycling. Further that adherence to this condition would be verified by the concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) and Pollution Control Committee (PCC) and the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) Regional Offices.

3. All concerned are requested to ensure strict compliance to the above instructions.


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