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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: *Update of Waste Shipment Regulation 1418/2007*

Dear Madam/Sir,

The European Union (EU) is the world's largest exporter of non-hazardous waste for recovery (i.e. recycling) and is committed to ensure that such trade is managed in an environmentally responsible way.

To achieve this goal the EU has comprehensive legislation in place, including Regulation (EC) No. 1013/2006 on Shipments of Waste and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1418/2007 on the export for recovery of certain wastes¹. Regulation (EC) 1418/2007 provides for the authorities in EU Member States to control exports of non-hazardous waste in order to ensure that shipments are not exported to countries that do not allow the importation of specified categories of non-hazardous waste, or to ensure that consent has been provided where this is a condition for import. They do this by checking export shipments against the Annex to Regulation 1418/2007, which lists what restrictions, if any, third countries have on the import of different types of non-hazardous waste.

In order for Regulation 1418/2007 to be effective it must contain up-to-date information on rules on the importation of non-hazardous waste in third countries. The European Commission has contracted **Milieu Consulting SPRL**, with their partners **Ramboll**, to obtain the latest information on such rules². This information will be used by the European Commission for its next update of Regulation 1418/2007. **We therefore request you to assist the representatives of Milieu and Ramboll in gathering this information on behalf of the European Commission.**

Yours faithfully,

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¹ See <http://ec.europa.eu/trade/import-and-export-rules/export-from-eu/waste-shipment/>

² See www.wastetradesurvey.eu