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1.0 SUBJECT

The transportation and disposal of 'international waste', as defined by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

2.0 OBJECTIVE

To outline requirements for the transportation and disposal of international waste as defined by the CFIA, and in accordance with the International Waste Directive TAHD-DSAT-IE-2002-17-6 (the directive).

3.0 BACKGROUND

International waste is a specifically defined waste stream constituting relatively small volumes of waste material, largely consistent with the municipal solid waste stream, but originating from aircraft and ships that may land or dock in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The risks associated with the disposal of international waste have been assessed by the CFIA, resulting in the above noted directive. The directive applies to international waste originating in all countries but not to the commercial import of domestic waste (municipal solid waste) from the United States (US) entering via land borders. In addition, it does not apply to ships refuse from ships originating in the US. This exemption for items of US origin does not apply to items confiscated due to plant protection concerns or other CFIA program requirements.

The CFIA and the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) regulate and monitor the management of international waste, and the CFIA issues specific approvals to all transporters and waste disposal sites. The transporters and waste disposal sites must meet all CFIA training requirements, waste containment, disposal and disinfection guidelines; and all other directives, including an approved route to an approved disposal location. These requirements are to ensure that removal for disposal, offloading, and discharge of international waste will not likely introduce vector diseases or toxic substances into Canada. **Note that approval from the CFIA is required before the province will consider issuing an approval to manage international waste.**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation (the Department) is responsible for approval of provincial waste disposal sites and licensing of waste transporters within the province. Service NL also acts on behalf of the Department for the issuance of certificates of approval, conducting associated inspections and engaging in enforcement actions. Once approval from the CFIA is obtained, the Department and Service NL would also have to approve the collection, transport and disposal of international waste.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

International waste (IW) refers to waste removed from aircraft and ships arriving in Canada from overseas; and any commodities, regulated by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), seized from international travellers arriving in Canada, which are prohibited or do not meet import requirements. IW may include aircraft garbage, forfeited materials, manure, and ships refuse and all must be handled, transported, stored and disposed in accordance with CFIA directives.

5.0 APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, RSN 2002

International Waste Directive TAHD- DSAT-IE-2002-17-6, under the authority of Federal Health of Animals Act and Regulations; and Federal Plant Protection Act and Regulations; and all associated federal regulations.

6.0 TRANSPORTATION OF INTERNATIONAL WASTE

Once CFIA approval is obtained, waste transporters within the province of Newfoundland and Labrador are required to obtain a certificate of approval from Service NL, which would be issued on behalf of the Department. Provision to transport international waste would have to be specifically requested, and proof of current a CFIA approval would have to be provided. An application for a certificate of approval for a waste management system is available at the Service NL website:

http://www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/forms/pdf/appl_cert_approval.pdf

7.0 DISPOSAL OF INTERNATIONAL WASTE

A small number of waste disposal sites in the province are approved by CFIA and the Province, to accept international waste from approved international waste transporters, at the regular tipping face with municipal solid waste. The waste volume\weight and origin shall be separately recorded for tracking purposes, as a condition of a certificate of approval for the waste disposal site. International waste shall only be disposed at one of these pre-approved waste disposal sites.

8.0 CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY INTERNATIONAL WASTE DIRECTIVE

The CFIA International Waste Directive is available at the following website:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/imports/policies/general/2002-17/eng/1321050654899/1323826743862>