

**Material EWC European Waste Catalogue) coding guide**

It must be noted that the EA has been consulted but has stated that they ‘are not in a position to review this guidance’.

Paper	EWC Code on collection from waste producer	EWC Code from waste facility eg MRF if mechanically sorted	EWC from paper merchant if not mechanically sorted eg hand sorted and baled	EWC code for export	Export coding if meets Basel Convention Article 18 (green list) controls and it is accepted by destination country <sup>1</sup>
Separately collected non-packaging paper eg mixed paper, news and PAM, office paper	20 01 01	19 12 01	20 01 01	20 01 01 or 19 12 01	B3020
Paper collected in DMR	20 03 01	19 12 01 if satisfies EN643 or 19 12 12 if not		19 12 01 if satisfies EN643 or 19 12 12 if not	B3020 if 19 12 01 or Notified (Prior Informed Consent) if 19 12 12
Separately collected packaging paper eg OCC	15 01 01	19 12 01 (assuming mechanically sorted)	15 01 01	15 01 01 or 19 12 01 depending on sorting	B3020
Mixed paper that does not meet EN643 & B3020 quality	20 01 01	19 12 12		19 12 12	Must be Notified (Prior Informed Consent)

<sup>1</sup> exporter must consult the [Waste Exports Control Tool](#) (WECTS) to determine whether a export destination country has specific rules on what imported waste they will accept.



Plastic	EWC code from waste producer	EWC code from waste sorting facility eg MRF	EWC code from PRF	EWC code for export	Export coding if meets green list controls and it is accepted by destination country <sup>2</sup>
Plastic packaging from co-mingled household collections	20 03 01	19 12 04 or 19 12 12 if not considered fully sorted (EA may wish to see evidence that it is non-hazardous)		19 12 04 or 19 12 12 if does not meet B3011 requirements	B3011
Plastic packaging from businesses	15 01 02	19 12 04 if mechanically sorted, 15 01 02 if not	If comes in as 19 12 04, then output would be 19 12 04 If comes in as 15 01 02 then output would be 19 12 04 if mechanically sorted and 15 01 02 if not	19 12 04 if mechanically sorted, 15 01 02 if not.	B3011
Separately collected non-EPR plastic from households eg DRS material	15 01 02	19 12 04 if mechanically sorted, 15 01 02 if not	If comes in as 19 12 04, then output would be 19 12 04 If comes in as 15 01 02 then output would be 19 12 04 if mechanically sorted and 15 01 02 if not	19 12 04 if mechanically sorted, 15 01 02 if not.	B3011
Plastic non-packaging from businesses	20 01 39	19 12 04 if mechanically sorted, 20 01 39 if not	If comes in as 19 12 04, then output would be 19 12 04 If comes in as 20 01 39 then output would be 19 12 04 if mechanically sorted and 20 01 39 if not	19 12 04 if mechanically sorted, 15 01 02 if not.	B3011

<sup>2</sup> Exporters must refer to B3011 Basel <https://www.basel.int/Portals/4/download.aspx?d=UNEP-CHW-COP.14-BC-14-12.English.pdf> to determine quality requirement. PVC requires notification. Mixed polymers must be restricted to PE/PP/PET and must be separately recycled.

Glass	EWC code from waste producer	EWC code from storage bays	EWC code from waste sorting facility eg MRF	EWC code for export	Export coding if meets green list controls and it is accepted by destination country
Glass packaging from comingled household collections	20 03 01 or 15 01 06 if just mixed packaging		19 12 05 unless does not meet 'sorted' quality standard in which case 19 12 12	19 12 05 unless does not meet 'sorted' quality standard in which case 19 12 12	B2020
Separately collected glass packaging from businesses	15 01 07	15 01 07		15 01 07	B2020
Separately collected glass packaging from households eg DRS material, bottle banks	15 01 07	15 01 07		15 01 07	B2020
Cullet from processing facility	19 12 12 from processing facility			19 12 05	B2020

Cans	EWC from waste producer	EWC code from waste sorting facility eg MRF, eddy current	EWC code for steel cans from EFW	EWC for export	Export coding if meets green list controls and it is accepted by destination country
Cans collected comingled with other waste from households or businesses	20 03 01 or 15 01 06 if just mixed packaging	Steel cans – 19 12 02 Aluminium cans – 19 12 03	19 01 02	19 01 02 if from EFW 19 12 02 if steel from sorting 19 12 03 if aluminium from sorting	B1010
Cans collected separately eg DRS, can banks	15 01 04	Steel cans – 19 12 02 Aluminium cans – 19 12 03		19 01 02 if from EFW 19 12 02 if steel from sorting 19 12 03 if aluminium from sorting	B1010