

10. Section added

The following is added—

**“20DA. Authorization for disposal
of certain imported waste**

(1) This section applies only to waste the import of which into Hong Kong does not require a permit under section 20A, and the reference to “imported waste” (進口廢物) in this section shall be construed as a reference to waste of this category that has been imported into Hong Kong.

(2) The disposal of any imported waste at a designated waste disposal facility requires an authorization granted by the waste disposal authority under this section.

(3) An application for the authorization shall be—

(a) made in writing in such form as the waste disposal authority may specify; and

(b) accompanied by such application fee as may be prescribed by regulations made under section 33.

(4) On receipt of an application made by any person (“the applicant”) for the authorization, the waste disposal authority may, subject to subsection (5)—

(a) grant the authorization, with or without conditions; or

(b) refuse to grant the authorization,

and shall notify the applicant of his decision and, in the case of refusal, the reasons for such refusal.

(5) The waste disposal authority shall not grant an authorization under subsection (4)(a) unless the applicant proves to the satisfaction of the authority that—

(a) the import of the waste concerned into Hong Kong did not require a permit under section 20A;

(b) it is not practicable to make alternative arrangement for the imported waste to be used (whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere) for the purpose of reuse, or a reprocessing, recycling or recovery operation (“the specified purpose”), in a manner acceptable to the authority; and

(c) it is not practicable for the applicant to return, or cause the importer of the imported waste to return, the imported waste to the state of export,

and in determining the practicability of the matters specified in paragraphs (b) and (c), the lack of financial means to carry out an alternative arrangement or return the imported waste to the state of export (as the case may be) shall not be a relevant consideration.

(6) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (4)(a), a condition attached to an authorization may—

- (a) require the applicant to pay such charge as the waste disposal authority may determine for recovery of the cost of disposal of the imported waste;
- (b) specify the manner, place and time of the disposal;
- (c) specify the arrangements to be made and the procedures to be observed in relation to the disposal.

(7) The waste disposal authority may require an applicant to furnish him with such information as he considers necessary for determining whether or not to grant the authorization, and in particular, such information may relate to—

- (a) the details of the original arrangement made for the imported waste to be used for the specified purpose after the import;
- (b) the reasons why the original arrangement cannot be carried out;
- (c) proof of any attempt made in making alternative arrangement for the imported waste—
 - (i) to be used (whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere) for the specified purpose;
 - (ii) to be returned to the state of export.

(8) The provisions in this section shall be in addition to and shall not derogate from any other provision of this Ordinance.”.