



**DEFRA CONSULTATION ON A DRAFT OF THE UPDATED UK PLAN FOR  
SHIPMENTS OF WASTE**

We are contacting you to advise that Defra recently launched a consultation on a draft of the 'Updated UK Plan for Shipments of Waste' - the consultation is accessible from: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/international-waste-shipments/updating-the-uk-plan-for-shipments-of-waste> and the closing date for responses is 1 March 2021.

Among the updates to the UK Plan are proposals to:

- Align the UK Plan with the government's NORM waste strategy by allowing imports of NORM waste of UK origin for disposal, and restricting other shipments of NORM waste for disposal.
- Insert a new exception relating to the export of mercury and mercury-contaminated wastes for disposal.

We hope this is helpful.

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