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Request:
Various details regarding plastic waste

Northern Ireland Environment Agency
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Dear ██████████,

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 7th May 2026 which sought the following information:

Specifically, I would like to request the following information from DAERA:

- 1. Plastic waste import data (Northern Ireland) - Imported. Data on the volumes of plastic waste (tonnes) imported into Northern Ireland and the countries which it was received from, for the calendar year 2025.***
- 2. Plastic waste export data (Northern Ireland) - Exported. Data on the volumes of plastic waste (tonnes) exported out of Northern Ireland and the countries which it was sent to, for the calendar year 2025. If this could be provided in a format similar to the export data that has been provided previously (i.e. excel document - .xlsx) that would be helpful.***
- 3. Stops at ports of illegal export of plastic waste (Northern Ireland). The number of stops made by the DAERA of plastic waste due to be exported out of Northern Ireland,***

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the tonnage(s) and the destination it was due to be sent to. Please provide this data for the 2025 calendar year. Also, if there is also any contextual data that could be provided as to the reason why the stops took place, what kind of waste it was, etc. then that would be greatly appreciated.

4. If possible, please provide all information as requested in points 1-3 for the year so far (January-April 2026). If not all data is available, please provide as much as possible for this year.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested.

The information is detailed below and attached in Tables 1 and 2.

Please note the figures provided do not account for mixed waste stream (potentially including plastics) imports or exports only plastic specific movements.

1. Plastic waste import data (Northern Ireland):

- **Notifiable Waste**

2025 - 29 ton of EWC 15 01 10* imported from ROI

2026 - 22 ton of EWC 15 01 10* imported from ROI.

- **Green List Waste:**

NIEA's Transfrontier Shipment of Waste team do not get notified or hold records on imports of Green List Waste only exports.

2. Plastic waste export data (Northern Ireland):

- **Notifiable Waste:**

No records found of plastic specific notifiable waste exports over the date range requested.

- **Green List Waste**

Please see Table 1 B3011 Exports and Table 2 EU3011 Exports

3. Stops at ports of illegal export of plastic waste (Northern Ireland).

- **2025** – 3 containers (totalling 68 ton) destined for Turkey & 2 containers (totalling 34 ton) destined for USA.
- **2026** - No stops to date.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

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If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

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