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03rd July 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your requests for information received by the Department on 12 June 2026 which sought the following information

a) Please could you provide me with the total amounts of plastic exports (by tonne) included on the summary logs submitted by the following NIEA accredited companies from January 2025 to present, sorted by month.

1. Vanden Recycling Ltd
2. Poly Recycle Limited
3. ReGen Waste Limited
4. Protogreen UK Ltd
5. Bryson Recycling
6. Billy Bloom Limited
7. Plaswire Ltd

b) Please could you provide me with the destination sites included on the summary logs of these companies, including amounts sent to each destination site, again sorted by month.

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a) Total amounts of plastic exports (by tonne), sorted by month

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is as stated below. Please note that Bryson Recycling is not currently accredited for plastic packaging waste exporting in 2026.

Date	Tonnage	Date	Tonnage
Jan 25	8091.47	Sep 25	10254.22
Feb 25	11069.61	Oct 25	13961.70
Mar 25	11465.32	Nov 25	12456.38
Apr 25	7969.55	Dec 25	12910.00
May 25	8546.46	Jan 26	7187.636
Jun 25	9622.87	Feb 26	8585.636
Jul 25	9064.14	Mar 26	10695.380
Aug 25	7518.43	Apr 26	5417.593

b) Destination sites, including amounts sent to each destination site, sorted by month

In relation to individual destination sites, the Department has decided not to disclose some of the information requested as it considers Regulation 12(5)(e) to be engaged. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information as **Annex A**.

In relation to monthly data for 2026, the Department has decided not to disclose some of the information requested as it considers Regulation 12(4)(d) to be engaged. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information as **Annex B**.

A list of destination countries, including monthly tonnages, for 2025, is attached as a .csv file.

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

[Redacted Signature]

NIEA Waste Regulation