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To: All General Waste Disposal Facility licensees,
Traders, Freight Forwarders,
Cargo Agents and Carriers

Dear Sir/Madam

UPDATE ON THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) WASTE SHIPMENT REGULATION: RECLASSIFICATION OF WASTE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES AS HAZARDOUS WASTE

The National Environment Agency (NEA) of Singapore would like to provide an update regarding the EU's re-classification of waste lithium-ion batteries (LiBs) as hazardous waste.

EU's RECLASSIFICATION OF WASTE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

2 The new classifications were published by the EU through a Commission Delegated Decision on 20 May 2025 (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec_del/2025/934/oj/eng). The key points of the EU's reclassification are summarised below:

- i. From **9 Nov 2026 onwards**, all waste LiBs (in whole, dismantled, or segregated forms) will be re-classified as hazardous waste by the EU. As a result of this re-classification and due to the Basel Convention Ban Amendment, **EU countries will no longer be allowed to export waste LiBs to non-OECD countries, including Singapore**;
- ii. **Consequently, local importers will not be able to receive waste LiBs from the EU specifically from 9 Nov 2026 onwards**, regardless of whether they were previously classified under Basel Convention waste codes as hazardous waste or as non-hazardous B1090 or B1010 waste.

3 NEA strongly advises all stakeholders affected by this EU reclassification to put in place mitigation measures and strategies to minimise disruption and impact to business operations.

4 For further clarification, you may wish to contact Ms Nurul Hashim (nurul_huda_hashim@nea.gov.sg) or Ms Foo Kai Lin (FOO_Kai_Lin@nea.gov.sg).

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