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MNRE empowered with the Customs Department, Internal Security Operation Command (ISOC), Natural Resources and Environmental Crime Division (Nepolice) to control the importation of plastic scrape under the resolution of Subcommittee on Plastic and Electronics Waste Management

On 8 September 2021, Mr. Athapol Charoenshunsa, Director General of Pollution Control Department (PCD), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) revealed that PCD empowered with Customs Department, Internal Security Operation Command (ISOC), Natural Resources and Environmental Crime Division (Nepolice), ISOC Chonburi Province and Provincial Office of Natural Resources and Environment, Chonburi Province inspected the field area at the X-rays center and Customs Technology, Customs Office, Laem Chabang Port, Chonburi Province. The Customs Department inspected declaring of imported goods of Siam Kraft Industry Co., Ltd., which misrepresenting the facts by declaring the imported goods as unseparated wasted paper products, tariff no. 4707.90.00, and total weight 294 tons. As inspected by PCD, the Customs Department and the Company, it was found that the imported goods were considered as municipal waste, tariff no. 3825.10.00.

This case was offense under Section 202 and Section 244 and Section 252 of the Customs Act B.E. 2560 (2017), the Export and Import Entering the Kingdom of the Goods Act B.E. 2522 (1979), and the Ministry of Commerce's Announcement which specifies that municipal waste is the prohibited product to be imported and prohibited from passing through the Kingdom B.E. 2562 (2019). In this connection, the Customs Department will proceed through the legal action and will order the company to send that goods back to the country of origin in order to control the import of plastic scrap under the resolution of the Subcommittee on Plastic and Electronic Waste Management, Mr. Athapol said.