

Pro forma on environmental goods of interest to Australia in International Negotiations on Trade Liberalisation

The following pro forma has been prepared to assist those wishing to make a submission to the Australian government on goods which have environmentally beneficial characteristics or uses. This information will assist the government to participate in international negotiations on the elimination of tariffs on environmental goods. (Click here for further information on these negotiations) The more complete the information provided the more potential benefit to the Australian economy and environment from our involvement in the negotiations.

Those wishing to make a submission do not have to use this pro forma, rather it is being provided to help those wishing to bring to the attention of government specific green products of interest to Australian industry.

Any information on the following areas would be appreciated. Respondents can choose to answer or leave blank any part of this form. If respondents need more space within which to answer then they should do so in an attachment. The information provided will be treated on a strictly commercial-in-confidence basis.

Please submit the completed pro forma to: enegotiations@dfat.gov.au

1. Product description (product/s made/exported/imported by respondent)
(e.g. “automatic voltage and current regulators which have renewable energy applications”)
Plascon® plasma based waste destruction system
Plascon® hazardous waste processing equipment

2. Environmentally positive characteristic/s of the relevant product/s
(e.g. components used in the production and distribution of renewable energy)
The Plascon® systems provide highly effective processing and destruction of hazardous wastes.

3. Australian tariff classification and description (e.g. 9032.19 Automatic regulating or controlling instruments:- - other: - - - other) Information should be provided at least at the 6 digit level, but details at the 8 or 10 digit level (if available) would be welcome.

The Plasma based destruction systems have previously been exported under code 851430.90. These systems are not classified as incinerators under the EU or USEPA definitions of incineration, therefore the exout that includes the term “incinerators” would leave tariffs applied to the Plascon® waste destruction system. I would suggest a wording that changes “catalytic incinerators” to “thermal or catalytic waste destruction systems”

As an additional remark I would like to see “Plasma based waste destruction systems are designed for the complete destruction of hazardous waste through thermal pyrolysis.”

The other hazardous waste processing equipment that we are interested in exporting falls under code 841489. The equipment is not restricted to processing water though, so the exout should be inclusive of wastes other than water – ie “Evaporators, dryers and reactors for the treatment of wastes”

4. Key export markets and related firm export data (destination country, products, value)

To date we have exported to Japan, UK, USA and Mexico. Currently we are working on proposals for Mexico, Honduras, India, Korea and Saudi Arabia.

5. Tariffs in key markets (including, if possible, tariff code/description in destination country)

Unknown as we ship FOB

6. Prospective export projections (destination country, products, estimated value)

7. Details of the person/organisation submitting this information.

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8. Any other relevant information

I have attached a brochure in relation to the plasma based waste destruction system.