

Press Release

The moratorium placed on the issuance of scrap metal licences in August of this year was necessary in order to properly address the management of the collection, transportation, storage and exportation of scrap metal. As a follow-up, the Department of the Environment (DOE) is currently in the process of reviewing all the entities that had requested and were authorized to export scrap metal. Kindly be informed that, in order to continue the exportation of scrap metal, such entities will need to sign an amended Environmental Compliance Plan. Moreover, any entity wishing to export scrap metal will need to be a legally registered business in Belize, as well as fulfilling other requirements.

Furthermore, the moratorium on the issuance of scrap metal licences remains in effect whilst the revision of the Licencing Procedures is being conducted. The DOE hereby encourages interested entities to start meeting these new requirements, and we would like to thank them for their understanding. The DOE apologizes for any inconveniences this moratorium may have caused.

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