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# Monitoring Guidance for Marine Litter in European Seas

**Draft Report**

**CHAPTER 8**

**LITTER CATEGORIES**

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**Draft Guidance Report:**

TSG-ML was tasked to deliver guidance so that European Member States could initiate programmes for marine litter monitoring. As monitoring must be operational by 2014, first guidance was required by mid-2013. The draft Guidance report provides the basis for the marine litter programme however since new information continues to be compiled TSG -ML can review and update this guidance later in 2013.

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# 8. Litter Categories

## 8.1. Introduction to Litter Categories

The value of the results of monitoring programmes implemented to assess litter in the different regional seas and in the various compartments of the marine environment (beach, seafloor, sea-surface etc.) can be enhanced if a standard list of litter items is used as a basis for preparing assessment protocols.

The use of standard lists and definitions of items will enable the comparison of results between regions and environmental compartments. If the list is detailed enough it will be possible, to a certain degree, to infer about potential or/and most likely sources (e.g. fisheries, shipping), type of item (e.g. packaging, user item) or even related potential harm that items can cause (e.g. risk of entanglement, ingestion, etc.).

This is a crucial step in helping to identify key priorities to tackle, design a programme of measures and support the monitoring of their effectiveness.

## 8.2. Scope of the report

This chapter compares litter items used in a number of on-going European monitoring programmes, those included in general lists of items compiled by various organisations such as UNEP and the Ocean Conservancy and lists produced as part of other sections in this report.

A Master List of all litter items for use in litter monitoring programmes in the European marine environment was produced on the basis of this comparison (see Annex 8.1 in Chapter 8).

## 8.3. Comparison of lists

The Master List was developed based on the categories of items used in a series of other programmes:

- For beach litter: UNEP, OSPAR, MCS, Slovenia, ICC.
- For floating litter:  HELMEPA, NOAA, ECOOCEAN and Hinojosa/Thiel (2009).
- For seabed litter:  OSPAR/ICES list (IBTS) and HELMEPA.
- For micro-litter: CEFAS.

For ingested litter:  Monitoring programme of Fulmars (ingestion), used in the North Sea.

The OSPAR beach litter list was used as the basis for the Master List as it is one of the most detailed and represents the most mature protocols in the EU, which has been proved and tested over a ten year period.

The other lists were compared with the OSPAR list and similarities and differences were noted. Generally in order to produce the Master List items have been added to the OSPAR list and the list has been rearranged.

The list was also modified on the basis of proposals made by the "4 Seas" pilot project (ARCADIS, 2012). In this process some OSPAR categories were sub-divided in more detailed sub-categories, e.g. the OSPAR item "cosmetic bottles and containers" was divided into two master-list items - those items that are beach related (e.g. sun-block bottles) and those that are related to hygiene and not normally used on beaches (e.g. aftershave containers). This was done where individual OSPAR items could have very different sources, i.e. coastal recreation or shipping/fishing, respectively.

## 8.4. Proposed Master List

The Master List (Annex 8.1) includes a detailed list of items with a series of parameters:

- An unique alphanumeric code attributed by the TSG-ML ("G"+number) and the corresponding codes of OSPAR and UNEP, when applicable. This should allow comparisons with data from these programmes;
- A description of the item; "General Name";
- The (main) material that the items is made of (Level 1). A key change, when compared with the OSPAR list, is that the category "sanitary" or "sewage-related" items have been allocated into different materials;
- Clustered category for a more general grouping of certain type of items (Level 3) (e.g. "bottles/containers", "smoking-related items")

The Master List includes recommendations for item lists which can be used in the different compartments of the marine environment, as defined by the COM DEC 2010/477/EU.

A photographic guide based on the guidelines published by OSPAR for the OSPAR beach litter monitoring programme should be developed and the lists should be translated into all the main European languages to aid identification of the litter items in the field.

## 8.5. Procedure for addition of new items

Most of the main types and forms of marine litter, which are to be found in the marine environment in the EU region, are included in the Master List. In the event of a new item becoming common enough for it to be considered being added to the list we suggest the following procedure:

a) An item not yet included in the list is regularly seen and described in protocols as one of the 'other' categories for a given material class.
b) A proposal for this item to become a listed item together with a photo to be added to the photo guide should be sent to the organisation or steering group responsible for the maintenance of the Master List within the MSFD implementation process.
c) The item is given a unique identifier and all monitoring groups and Member States are informed.

## 8.6. The assessment of sources and pathways

As mentioned above, the identification of the source (usually a sector/actor, e.g. fishing industry, improper disposal in the toilet) and the pathway that led the item to enter the marine environment (e.g. direct release in the sea/coast, riverine transport, sewage) is a crucial step in determining the appropriate and pragmatic actions and measures to address the issue in a given area or region.

For some items a source can be identified easily e.g. fishing gear originates from commercial or recreational fishing, while items such as cotton bud sticks, tampons and wet wipes are mainly entering the marine environment through sewerage systems. However, for other (often the majority) items it is much more difficult to assign a source with a robust level of accuracy, e.g. a plastic bottle may enter the marine environment directly from a beach user or from the crew of a ship or indirectly via riverine input. It is therefore expected that for a relatively large number of items the source will not be identified with certainty. In addition, the identification of litter sources is influenced by several methodological and environmental factors and even within a given source the pathway of input into the marine environment can be vary considerably. For example, the source for both nets and small pieces of net is fishing, however, whereas nets can be lost during fishing activities small pieces of net are often the result of net repair activities, which are often carried out in ports and harbours on land. Measures to directly combat the two pathways of input will differ considerably.

Nevertheless, a number of techniques have been developed to assist in the identification of sources on the basis of litter items recorded in the marine environment e.g. the Matrix Scoring Technique to Determine Litter Sources at a Bristol Channel Beach (Tudor and Williams 2004), The use of multivariate statistical techniques to establish debris pollution sources (Tudor et al. 2002) and Beach litter sourcing in the Bristol Channel and Wales (Williams et al. 2003).

ARCADIS *et al.* (2012) further developed the Matrix Score Technique (Tudor & Williams, 2004) for use with the OSPAR Beach Litter data. This method allocates the level of likelihood each litter item has of originating from all potential sources. This requires a very good knowledge of the activities in the area and potential deficiencies in the system that can generate marine litter. Therefore, in this project, the allocation of sources and pathways to occurring items in 4 sites in Europe have been done through a bottom-up approach, consulting and finding consensus with local key stakeholders. The likelihoods are then given a score and the relative contribution of the different sources is calculated. This method allows for the possibility of specific item types originating from more than one source; this flexibility and transparency means that it is less prescriptive than some other methods.

Furthermore, along the allocation of sources and pathways, this Pilot Project developed a series of parameters that can be directly linked to each item and which provides an insight into the nature, use and potential harm (e.g. if the item is for single-use/multi-dose use or long-lasting us; if it is packaging or a primary use item; if item is packaging, what type of packaging). This can further support the elaboration of strategies to target better production, use, disposal and possible alternatives of items that are commonly found as marine litter.

These strategic parameters and the procedure to allocate likelihoods of sources to the different items will be further elaborated throughout the next period of work of the TSG-ML and will be made available in the next report.

## 8.7.  Indicator items

It can be useful to identify indicator items which represent a specific source and/or a given pathway of input of litter into the marine environment. The OSPAR beach litter monitoring programme has identified a number of indicator items for different sources. The identification of indicator items is easier for some sources e.g. fishing but can be quite difficult for others e.g. tourism, because in some cases the same items can come from beach users, ships crews or from inland sources. This is therefore a broad category that includes items that can originate from multiple sources. However, this can be of use to have a rough idea of the key sources in the area, until a more detailed methodology is made available.

Some care needs to be taken to ensure that a decrease in the occurrence of the indicator item is a result of the measure implemented to combat it rather than the result of a general reduction in the use of the item or because the item has been replaced with a similar item which is not being monitored e.g. glass bottles being replaced by plastic bottles.

## 8.8.  How to use the list

The final Master List consists of a set of over 200 items. It will not always be practical to use such a long list of items, many of which may not occur regularly in a particular region. However, a considerable number of items will be common to all regions. The Master List table includes a selection of core categories of items  which are recommended to be recorded in all regions, in all monitoring programmes. Items specific to a given region e.g. octopus pots, can be selected from the Master List and used for protocols to be used in that region.

It is important, however, that not just the abundances of only a selection of items are registered. It is vital to assess all items occurring in the given monitoring unit if the total amount of litter present is to be assessed and if the methodology in place allows for such level of detail. Non-identified items should be recorded in the categories for "other items" under their respective material class and specified/described as much as possible.

The size of litter items is currently not recorded.

## 8.9.  Key messages to MSFD implementation process

For monitoring the effectiveness of marine litter measures on both a local and regional scale we need to be able to compare among similar variables. Therefore a standard list of items which are recorded in the

marine environment should be used throughout the entire EU area and within all compartments of the marine environment (beach, sea-floor, floating). The Master List includes a list of core items – which occur in all regions (e.g. cigarette ends, plastic bottles) and regionally specific items (e.g. octopus pots), which only occur in some sub-regions. The list also notes, where possible, the source and use of an item. This will further aid in devising appropriate measures to combat litter pollution of the marine environment.

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## Annex 8.1 - Master List of Categories of Litter Items (DRAFT)

### Master List of Categories of Litter Items (DRAFT)

| TSG_ML General- Code | OSPAR- Code | UNEP- Code | General Name | Level 1 - Materials | Level 3- Item clusters | Core | Beach | Seafloor | Floating | Biota | Micro |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G1 | 1 | PL05 | 4/6-pack yokes, six-pack rings | Artificial polymer materials | | x | x | | | | |
| G2 | | PL07 | Bags | Artificial polymer materials | Bags | x | | x | x | | |
| G3 | 2 | PL07 | Shopping Bags | Artificial polymer materials | Bags | | x | | | | |
| G4 | 3 | PL07 | Small plastic bags, e.g. freezer bags | Artificial polymer materials | Bags | | x | | | | |
| G5 | 112 | | Plastic bag ends from pull off plastic bags | Artificial polymer materials | Bags | | x | | | | |
| G6 | 4 | PL02 | Bottles | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | x | | x | x | | |
| G7 | 4 | PL02 | Drink bottles <=0.5l | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | | x | | | | |
| G8 | 4 | PL02 | Drink bottles >0.5l | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | | x | | | | |
| G9 | 5 | PL02 | Cleaner bottles & containers | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | x | x | | | | |
| G10 | 6 | PL06 | Food containers incl. fast food containers | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | x | x | x | | | |
| G11 | 7 | PL02 | Beach use related cosmetic bottles and containers, eg. Sunblocks | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | | x | | | | |
| G12 | 7 | PL02 | Other cosmetics bottles & containers | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | x | x | | | | |
| G13 | 12 | PL02 | Other bottles & containers | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | x | x | | | | |
| G14 | 8 | | Engine oil bottles & containers <50 cm | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | | x | | | | |
| G15 | 9 | PL03 | Engine oil bottles & containers > 50 cm | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | | x | | | | |
| G16 | 10 | PL03 | Jerry cans (square plastic containers with handle) | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | | x | | | | |
| G17 | 11 | | Injection gun containers | Artificial polymer materials | Bottles/Containers | | x | | | | |
| G18 | 13 | PL13 | Crates and containers / baskets | Artificial polymer materials | Crates/baskets | | x | x | x | | |
| G19 | 14 | | Car parts | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G20 | | PL01 | Plastic caps and lids | Artificial polymer materials | Caps/lids | | x | x | | | |
| G21 | 15 | PL01 | Plastic caps/lids drinks | Artificial polymer materials | Caps/lids | | x | | | | |
| G22 | 15 | PL01 | Plastic caps/lids chemicals, | Artificial polymer | Caps/lids | x | x | | | | |

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| | | | detergents (non-food) | materials | | | | | | | |
| G23 | 15 | PL01 | Plastic caps/lids unidentified | Artificial polymer materials | Caps/lids | | x | | | | |
| G24 | 15 | PL01 | Plastic rings from bottle caps/lids | Artificial polymer materials | Caps/lids | | x | | | | |
| G25 | | | Tobacco pouches / plastic cigarette box packaging | Artificial polymer materials | Smoking related | | x | | | | |
| G26 | 16 | PL10 | Cigarette lighters | Artificial polymer materials | Smoking related | x | x | | | | |
| G27 | 64 | PL11 | Cigarette butts and filters | Artificial polymer materials | Smoking related | | x | x | | | |
| G28 | 17 | | Pens and pen lids | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G29 | 18 | | Combs/hair brushes/sunglasses | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G30 | 19 | | Crisps packets/sweets wrappers | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G31 | 19 | | Lolly sticks | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G32 | 20 | PL08 | Toys and party poppers | Artificial polymer materials | | x | x | | | | |
| G33 | 21 | PL06 | Cups and cup lids | Artificial polymer materials | fast-food items | x | x | | | | |
| G34 | 22 | PL04 | Cutlery and trays | Artificial polymer materials | fast-food items | | x | | | | |
| G35 | 22 | PL04 | Straws and stirrers | Artificial polymer materials | fast-food items | | x | | | | |
| G36 | 23 | | Fertiliser/animal feed bags | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G37 | 24 | PL15 | Mesh vegetable bags | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G39 | | PL09 | Gloves | Artificial polymer materials | Gloves | | | x | x | | |
| G40 | 25 | PL09 | Gloves (washing up) | Artificial polymer materials | Gloves | x | x | | | | |
| G41 | 113 | RB03 | Gloves (industrial/professional rubber gloves) | Artificial polymer materials | Gloves | x | x | | | | |
| G42 | 26 | PL17 | Crab/lobster pots and tops | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G43 | 114 | | Tags (fishing and industry) | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G44 | 27 | PL17 | Octopus pots | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G45 | 28 | PL15 | Mussels nets, Oyster nets | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |

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| G46 | 29 | | Oyster trays (round from oyster cultures) | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G47 | 30 | | Plastic sheeting from mussel culture (Tahitians) | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G49 | 31 | PL19 | Rope (diameter more than 1cm) | Artificial polymer materials | Rope | x | x | | | | |
| G50 | 32 | PL19 | String and cord (diameter less than 1cm) | Artificial polymer materials | String | x | x | | | | |
| G51 | | PL20 | Fishing net | Artificial polymer materials | Nets | | x | x | x | | |
| G52 | | PL20 | Nets and pieces of net | Artificial polymer materials | Nets | x | | | | | |
| G53 | 115 | PL20 | Nets and pieces of net < 50 cm | Artificial polymer materials | Nets | | x | | | | |
| G54 | 116 | PL20 | Nets and pieces of net > 50 cm | Artificial polymer materials | Nets | | x | | | | |
| G55 | | PL18 | Fishing line (entangled) | Artificial polymer materials | Fishing line | | | x | | | |
| G56 | 33 | PL20 | Tangled nets/cord | Artificial polymer materials | Nets | | x | | | | |
| G57 | 34 | PL17 | Fish boxes - plastic | Artificial polymer materials | Fish boxes | | x | | x | | |
| G58 | 34 | PL17 | Fish boxes - expanded polystyrene | Artificial polymer materials | Fish boxes | | x | | x | | |
| G59 | 35 | PL18 | Fishing line/monofilament (angling) | Artificial polymer materials | Fishing line | x | x | x | | | |
| G60 | 36 | PL17 | Light sticks (tubes with fluid) incl. packaging | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G61 | | | Other fishing related | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G62 | 37 | PL14 | Floats for fishing nets | Artificial polymer materials | Floats/Buoys | x | x | | | | |
| G63 | 37 | PL14 | Buoys | Artificial polymer materials | Floats/Buoys | | x | | x | | |
| G64 | | | Fenders | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G65 | 38 | PL03 | Buckets | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G66 | 39 | PL21 | Strapping bands | Artificial polymer materials | | x | x | x | | | |
| G67 | 40 | PL16 | Sheets, industrial packaging, plastic sheeting | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | x | x | | |
| G68 | 41 | PL22 | Fibre glass/fragments | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G69 | 42 | | Hard hats/Helmets | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |

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| G70 | 43 | | Shotgun cartridges | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G71 | 44 | CL01 | Shoes/sandals | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G72 | | | Traffic cones | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G73 | 45 | FP01 | Foam sponge | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G74 | | | Foam packaging/insulation/polyurethane | Artificial polymer materials | | | | | x | | |
| G75 | | | Polystyrene | Artificial polymer materials | | | | | x | | |
| G76 | 117 | | Plastic/polystyrene pieces 0 - 2.5 cm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | x | | | | |
| G77 | 46 | | Plastic/polystyrene pieces 2.5 cm > < 50cm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | x | | | | |
| G78 | 47 | | Plastic/polystyrene pieces > 50 cm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | x | | | | |
| G79 | | | Plastic fragments | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | x | | |
| G80 | | | CD, CD-box | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G81 | | | Salt packaging | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G82 | | | Fin trees (from fins for scubadiving) | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G83 | | | Masking tape | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G84 | | | Telephone (incl. parts) | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G85 | | | plastic construction waste | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G86 | | | plastic flower pots | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G87 | | | biomass holder from sewage treatment plants | Artificial polymer materials | sewage related | | x | | | | |
| G88 | | | Bait containers/packaging | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G89 | | | Cable ties | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | x | | | |
| G90 | | | Table cloth | Artificial polymer materials | | | | | x | | |
| G91 | 98 | OT02 | Cotton bud sticks | Artificial polymer materials | sanitary | x | x | x | | | |
| G92 | 99 | OT02 | Sanitary towels/panty | Artificial polymer | sanitary | | x | x | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | liners/backing strips | materials | | | | | | | |
| G93 | 101 | OT02 | Toilet fresheners | Artificial polymer materials | sanitary | | x | | | | |
| G94 | | OT02 | Diapers/nappies | Artificial polymer materials | sanitary | | x | x | | | |
| G95 | 104 | PL12 | Syringes/needles | Artificial polymer materials | medical | | x | x | | | |
| G96 | 103 | | Medical/Pharmaceuticals containers/tubes | Artificial polymer materials | medical | | x | | | | |
| G97 | 121 | | Dog faeces bag | Artificial polymer materials | | x | x | | | | |
| G98 | | RB02 | Flip-flops | Artificial polymer materials | | | x | | | | |
| G99 | | | Plastic fragments rounded <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | | x |
| G100 | | | Plastic fragments subrounded <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | | x |
| G101 | | | Plastic fragments subangular <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | | x |
| G102 | | | Plastic fragments angular <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | | x |
| G103 | | | cylindrical pellets <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pellets | | | | | | x |
| G104 | | | disks pellets <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pellets | | | | | | x |
| G105 | | | flat pellets <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pellets | | | | | | x |
| G106 | | | ovoid pellets <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pellets | | | | | | x |
| G107 | | | spheruloids pellets <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pellets | | | | | | x |
| G108 | | PL23 | Inudstiral pellets | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pellets | x | x | | | x | |
| G109 | | | Filament <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | | x |
| G110 | | | Films <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | | x |
| G111 | | | Foamed plastic <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | | x |
| G112 | | | Granules <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | | x |
| G113 | | | Styrofoam <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | | x |
| G114 | | | Small industrial spheres (<5mm) | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pellets | | | | | x | |
| G115 | | | Sheet like user plastic (>1mm) | Artificial polymer | Plastic pieces | | | | | x | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | materials | | | | | | | | |
| G116 | | | Threadlike user plastic (>1mm) | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | x | |
| G117 | | | Foamed user plastic (>1mm) | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | x | |
| G118 | | | Plastic fragments (>1mm) | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | | x | |
| G119 | | | Polyurethane granules <5mm | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | | | x | | |
| G120 | 48 | PL24 | Other plastic/polystyrene items (identifiable) | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | x | | | | |
| G121 | | | Other plastic/polystyrene items (not identifiable) | Artificial polymer materials | Plastic pieces | | x | x | x | x | |
| G122 | 49 | RB01 | Balloons and balloon sticks | Rubber | | x | x | x | x | | |
| G123 | | RB01 | Balls | Rubber | | | x | | x | | |
| G124 | 50 | | Rubber boots | Rubber | | | x | x | x | | |
| G125 | 52 | RB04 | Tyres and belts | Rubber | | x | x | x | x | | |
| G126 | | RB05 | Inner-tubes and rubber sheet | Rubber | | | x | | | | |
| G127 | | | Wheels | Rubber | | x | x | | | | |
| G128 | | RB06 | Rubber bands | Rubber | | | x | | | | |
| G129 | | | Bobbins (fishing) | Rubber | | | x | x | | | |
| G130 | 97 | RB07 | Condoms (incl. packaging) | Rubber | sanitory | | x | x | | | |
| G131 | 53 | RB08 | Other rubber pieces | Rubber | | | x | x | x | | |
| G132 | | CL01 | Clothing (clothes, shoes) | Cloth/textile | clothing | | | | x | | |
| G133 | | CL01 | Shoes | Cloth/textile | clothing | | | x | | | |
| G135 | 54 | CL01 | Clothing / rags (clothing, hats, towels) | Cloth/textile | clothing | x | x | x | | | |
| G136 | 57 | CL01 | Shoes and sandals (e.g. Leather, cloth) | Cloth/textile | clothing | | x | | | | |
| G137 | | CL02 | Backpacks & bags | Cloth/textile | | | x | | | | |
| G138 | 56 | CL03 | Sacking (hessian) | Cloth/textile | | | x | | | | |
| G139 | 55 | CL05 | Carpet & Furnishing | Cloth/textile | | | x | x | x | | |
| G140 | | CL04 | Rope, string and nets | Cloth/textile | rope | | x | x | x | | |
| G141 | | CL03 | Sails, canvas | Cloth/textile | | | x | | x | | |
| G142 | 100 | OT02 | Tampons and tampon applicators | Cloth/textile | sanitary | x | x | | | | |
| G143 | 59 | CL06 | Other textiles (incl. rags) | Cloth/textile | | | x | x | x | | |
| G145 | 60 | | Paper bags | Paper/Cardboard | | | x | | | | |
| G146 | 61 | PC02 | Cardboard (boxes & fragments) | Paper/Cardboard | | x | x | x | x | | |
| G147 | | PC03 | Packaging | Paper/Cardboard | | | | | x | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G148 | 118 | PC03 | Cartons/Tetrapack Milk | Paper/Cardboard | | x | x | | | | |
| G149 | 62 | PC03 | Cartons/Tetrapack (others) | Paper/Cardboard | | x | x | | | | |
| G150 | 63 | PC03 | Cigarette packets | Paper/Cardboard | Smoking related | | x | | | | |
| G151 | 65 | PC03 | Cups, food trays, food wrappers, drink containers | Paper/Cardboard | fast-food items | x | x | | | | |
| G152 | 66 | PC01 | Newspapers & magazines | Paper/Cardboard | | | x | | x | | |
| G153 | | PC04 | Tubes for fireworks | Paper/Cardboard | | | x | | | | |
| G154 | | | Paper fragments | Paper/Cardboard | | | x | | | | |
| G156 | 67 | PC05 | Other paper items | Paper/Cardboard | | | x | x | x | | |
| G157 | 68 | WD01 | Corks | Processed/worked wood | | | x | | | | |
| G158 | 69 | WD04 | Pallets | Processed/worked wood | | x | x | x | x | | |
| G159 | 69 | WD04 | Processed timber | Processed/worked wood | | | x | | | | |
| G160 | 70 | WD04 | Crates | Processed/worked wood | | x | x | | x | | |
| G161 | 71 | WD02 | Crab/lobster pots | Processed/worked wood | | | x | | | | |
| G162 | 119 | | Fish boxes | Processed/worked wood | Fish boxes | x | x | | | | |
| G163 | 72 | WD03 | Ice-cream sticks, chip forks, chopsticks, toothpicks | Processed/worked wood | fast-food items | x | x | | | | |
| G164 | 73 | | Paint brushes | Processed/worked wood | | | x | | | | |
| G165 | | WD05 | Matches & fireworks | Processed/worked wood | | | x | | | | |
| G166 | | | Wood boards | Processed/worked wood | | | | | x | | |
| G167 | | | Beams / Dunnage | Processed/worked wood | | | | | x | | |
| G168 | | | Wood (processed) | Processed/worked wood | | | | x | | | |
| G169 | 74 | WD06 | Other wood < 50 cm | Processed/worked wood | | | x | | | | |
| G170 | 75 | WD06 | Other wood > 50 cm | Processed/worked wood | | | x | | | | |
| G171 | | WD06 | Other (specify) | Processed/worked wood | | x | | x | x | | |
| G172 | 76 | | Aerosol/Spray cans industry | Metal | Cans/Containers | x | x | | | | |
| G173 | 78 | ME03 | Cans (bevarage) | Metal | Cans/Containers | x | x | x | x | | |
| G174 | 82 | ME04 | Cans (food) | Metal | Cans/Containers | x | x | x | | | |
| G175 | 81 | ME06 | Foil wrappers, aluminum foil | Metal | | | x | | | x | |
| G176 | 77 | ME02 | Bottle caps, lids & pull tabs | Metal | Caps/lids | x | x | | | | |
| G177 | 120 | | Disposable BBQ's | Metal | | | x | | | | |
| G178 | 79 | ME10 | Appliances (refrigerators, washers, etc.) | Metal | | | x | x | | | |
| G179 | | ME01 | Tableware (plates, cups & cutlery) | Metal | | | x | | | | |
| G180 | 80 | ME07 | Fishing related (weights, sinkers, lures, hooks) | Metal | | | x | x | x | | |
| G181 | | ME07 | Fish hook remains | Metal | | | | | | x | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G182 | 87 | ME07 | Lobster/crab pots | Metal | | x | x | | | | |
| G184 | 83 | ME10 | Industrial scrap | Metal | | | x | | | | |
| G185 | 84 | ME05 | Drums, e.g. oil | Metal | | | x | x | | | |
| G186 | | ME04 | Other cans (< 4 L) | Metal | | | x | | | | |
| G187 | | ME05 | Gas bottles, drums & buckets ( > 4 L) | Metal | | | x | | | | |
| G188 | 86 | ME05 | Paint tins | Metal | | | x | | | | |
| G189 | 88 | ME09 | Wire, wire mesh, barbed wire | Metal | | | x | | x | | |
| G190 | | ME05 | Barrels | Metal | | | | x | | | |
| G191 | | | Car parts / batteries | Metal | | | x | x | | | |
| G192 | | | Cables | Metal | | | x | x | | | |
| G193 | | OT04 | Household Batteries | Metal | | | x | | | | |
| G194 | | | Large metallic objects | Metal | | | x | | | | |
| G195 | | | Other | Metal | | | x | x | | | |
| G196 | | ME08 | Metal fragments | Metal | | | | | | | |
| G197 | 89 | ME10 | Other metal pieces < 50 cm | Metal | | | x | | | | |
| G198 | 90 | ME10 | Other metal pieces > 50 cm | Metal | | | x | | | | |
| G199 | 91 | GC02 | Bottles | Glass/ceramics | Bottles/Containers | x | x | x | | | |
| G200 | | GC02 | Jars | Glass/ceramics | Bottles/Containers | | x | x | | | |
| G201 | 92 | GC04 | Light bulbs | Glass/ceramics | | x | x | | | | |
| G202 | | GC03 | Tableware (plates & cups) | Glass/ceramics | | | x | | | | |
| G203 | 94 | GC01 | Construction material (brick, cement, pipes) | Glass/ceramics | | | x | | | | |
| G204 | 92 | GC05 | Fluorescent light tubes | Glass/ceramics | | x | x | | | | |
| G205 | | GC06 | Glass buoys | Glass/ceramics | | | x | | | | |
| G206 | 95 | | Octopus pots | Glass/ceramics | | | x | | | | |
| G207 | | GC07 | Glass or ceramic fragments | Glass/ceramics | | | x | x | | | |
| G208 | | | Glass items <5mm | Glass/ceramics | | | x | | | | |
| G210 | 96 | GC08 | Other glass items | Glass/ceramics | | x | x | x | | | |
| G211 | 105 | OT05 | Other medical items (swabs, bandaging etc.) | unidentified | medical | | x | | | | |
| G212 | | | Slak / Coal | | | | | | | x | |
| G213 | 181, 109, 110 | OT01 | Paraffin/Wax | Chemicals | | | x | | | x | |
| G214 | | | Oil/Tar | Chemicals | | | | | | x | |
| G215 | | | Foodwaste (galley waste) | Food waste | | | | | | x | |
| G216 | | | various rubbish (worked wood, | undefined | | | | | | x | |

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| | | | metal parts) | | | | | | | | |
| G217 | | | Other (glass, metal, tar) <5mm | unidentified | | | | | | | x |