

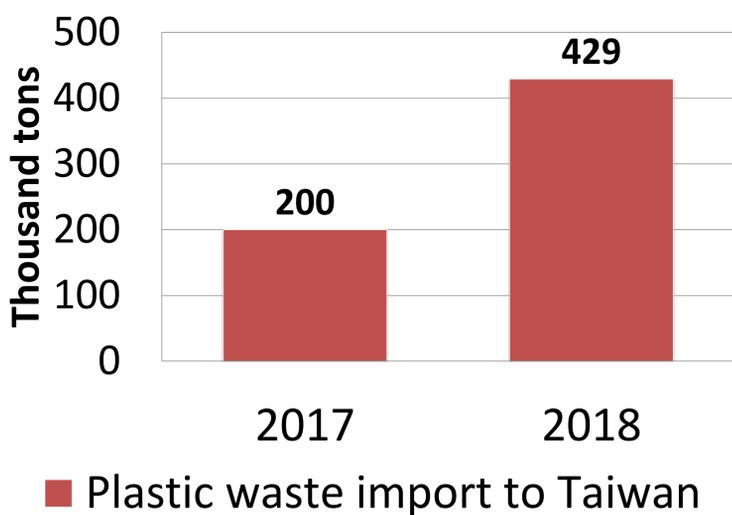


2019 RSGF Towards a Better World: Reducing Problems Related to Plastic Waste

Movement of garbage

ORIGIN:

China's "National Sword" policy, enacted in January 2018, banned the import of most plastics and other materials headed for that nation's recycling processors, which had handled nearly half of the world's recyclable waste for the past quarter century.



RESULT:

Because of China's policy, the amount of imported plastic waste for 2017 was 200,000 tons, which increased to 429,000 tons in 2018. There was a 66% increase in the amount of plastic imported during 2017. Besides, most of them came from America, Japan and England.



CONSIDERATION:

Owing to the raising of eco-friendly, many countries had enacted the law of "Extended Producer Responsibility". Consider that once Taiwan proclaim to forbid waste importing might result in Taiwan's product being boycotted.



SOLUTION:

Due to the affect of China's National Sword policy, our government announced a law to limit the company for importing plastic waste from other countries. According to the law, licensed Taiwanese companies are now only permitted to import industrial waste from the production facilities of their own subsidiaries abroad. Under certain conditions, they are also permitted to bring other single-sort waste into the country.