

# Environmentally Harmful Dumping of Inefficient Appliances

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# What is Environmental Dumping?

- ▶ IGSD defined environmental dumping as “the practice of exporting products to another country or territory that:
  - ❖ 1) Contain hazardous substances;
  - ❖ 2) Have environmental performance lower than is in the interest of consumers or that is contrary to the interests of the local and global commons, or;
  - ❖ 3) Can undermine the ability of the importing country to fulfill international environmental treaty commitments”
- ▶ Second hand products fraudulently described as “*reusable*”
- ▶ Brand new products that do not meet environmental standards

# Why does dumping happen

- ▶ To evade EU stringent waste management regulations and make further profit from resale
- ▶ Countries without robust standards
- ▶ Countries with weak standards
- ▶ Countries with weak institutions to enforce standards

# New but inefficient products

- ❖ Fewer and identified importers
  - Market compliance
  - Verification tests
  - Product recall & reshipment
  - Product rejection and reshipment

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**LEGACY FREEZER**

**Public Notice**

We would like to draw the attention of our cherished customers to our investigation that has revealed that your **legacy freezers LGYF100** are below Ghana energy efficiency standards.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused our customers and deeply regret it. By this notice, we are advising customers to return the freezers for full refund.

We are putting measures in place to prevent any future occurrence.

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# Second hand products

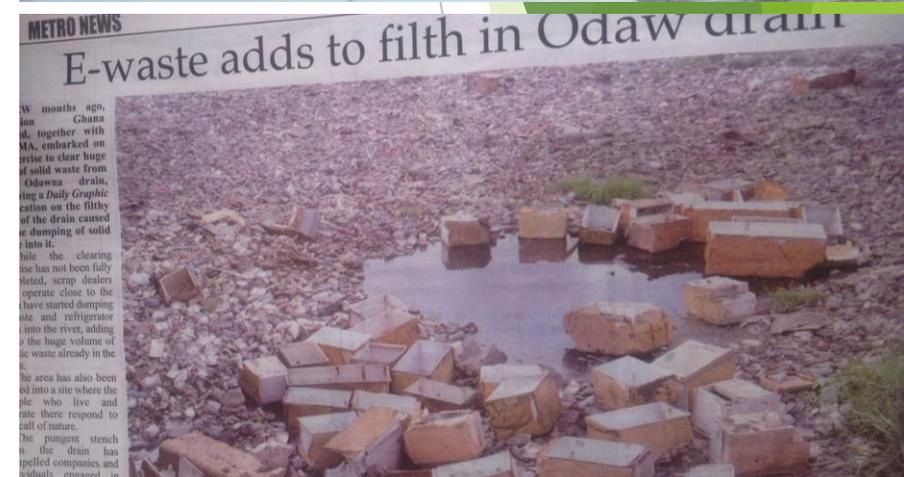
- ❖ Numerous and fragmented importers
- ❖ Very recalcitrant and crafty
- ❖ Use very complex means of outwitting enforcement officers



DECLARATION NUMBER	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	DATE	CONSIGNEE
42016146927	SUPERMIKES COMPANY LIMITED	1 PACKAGE OF HAND TOOLS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS	11/4/2016	BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
42016164727	SUPERMIKES COMPANY LIMITED	1 PACKAGE OF HAND TOOLS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS	22/4/2016	BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
42016207026	SUPERMIKES COMPANY LIMITED	1PACKAGE HANDTOOLS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS	20/5/2016	BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
42016226538	SUPERMIKES COMPANY LIMITED	1 PACKAGE (LOT) OF HAND TOOLS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS	2/6/2016	BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION
42016258856	SUPERMIKES COMPANY LIMITED	HAND TOOLS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS	23/6/2016	BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION

## Effects of dumping - Environment & health

- ❖ Reputational damage - Agbogbloshie in Ghana is adjudged one of the dirtiest spots on earth.
- ❖ People living in and around Agbogbloshie are said to be prone to upper respiratory diseases because of the crude way of salvaging metals.
- ❖ The entire city of Accra is exposed to the toxic that emanates from this spot.



## Effects of dumping - triggers the poverty spiral

- ❖ Consumers wastes money on appliances that have short remaining useful life couple with high running cost because of frequent repairs and high energy cost
- ❖ Increases the future demand for obsolete refrigerants for service that will become increasingly expensive and unavailable as the HCFC phase out and HFC phasedown proceeds.



# Dumping is anti development

- ▶ Dumping scares away investors
- ▶ Dumping introduces “lemons” into the market that chases away the good products. Condemn consumers to inefficient and obsolete technologies.
- ▶ Increases demand for electricity generation capacity expansion to the detriment of the needed resources to tackle health, education, nutrition and infrastructure.
- ▶ Slows down electricity access expansion.

# Interventions to stop the menace

- ▶ Collaborative effort with CSO, NGOs, Media and other organizations to create awareness of the menace
- ▶ Demand enforcement by countries that export to stop it from their end. It is more effective to stop dumping at the point(s) of origin than at points of import
- ▶ Punitive fines against shipping lines that bring prohibited products and also taking responsibility of shipping them back to their ports of origin

Thank you

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