



## STATEMENT

The Embassy of Canada welcomes the recent determination by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) that contents of the containers shipped to the Philippines by a private Canadian company are neither toxic nor hazardous, but are comprised of a mix of plastics and residual waste. We would refer you to DENR for more information on their study.

The case is a private commercial matter involving a Canadian company and its Philippines partner, but the Embassy engaged the Government of the Philippines and its appropriate agencies to actively seek to assist and resolve it in keeping with the spirit of collaboration and cooperation that characterizes our countries' relations.

Currently there are no domestic laws which the Government of Canada could apply to compel the shipper to return its containers to Canada. The Government of Canada has worked with the shipper and with the Government of the Philippines to find a solution to this waste shipment, in accordance with our two countries' respective regulations and legislative frameworks.

We are pleased that this matter has been resolved and would refer you to DENR for an update on their behalf.

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