

**PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE**

**HA LONG CITY**

No: 349/TB-UBND

**THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**

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Ha Long, 26 July 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**On the construction, maintenance and replacement of expanded polystyrene  
for buoyant structures in Ha Long Bay**

**The People's Committee (PC) of Ha Long City**

Considering Ha Long Bay management guideline, issued with Decision No. 498/2007/QĐ-UBND dated 7 Feb 2007 of Quang Ninh Province PC;

Considering Decision No. 1180/QĐ-UBND dated 20 Apr 2016 of Quang Ninh Province PC on approving the *Pilot of Sustainable Aquaculture and Responsible Tourism in Ha Long Bay* in Vung Vieng area;

Considering Document No. 4306/UBND-MT dated 13 Nov 2006 of Quang Ninh Province PC on the use of expanded polystyrene for buoyant structures in the Bay;

Considering Decision No. 503/QĐ-UBND dated 26 Feb 2016 of Ha Long City PC on issuing Guideline on managing, exploiting and using seawater surface for aquaculture in Ha Long City;

According to the proposal of Ha Long management,

**ANNOUNCES**

1. Organizations and individuals that employ buoyant structures in Ha Long Bay are requested to:
  - 1.1. Not use expanded polystyrene to support buoyant structures, and only use plastic and composite floats or floats made from other sustainable materials to avoid pollution.
  - 1.2. For the new installation and construction of buoyant structures:
    - Have the designs approved beforehand by competent authorities.
    - Closely follow designs and correctly employ approved materials during the construction process to protect the environment surrounding the construction area.
  - 1.3. For the maintenance of buoyant structures:
    - Seek approval and be approved by competent authorities, and have a maintenance plan that is approved by the authorities.
    - Ensure the integrity of surrounding landscapes during the maintenance process.
  - 1.4. For structures that are currently using expanded polystyrene for support:

- Replace the expanded polystyrene with plastic and composite floats or floats made from other sustainable materials to avoid pollution.
  - Complete the replacement by 30 Sep 2016.
2. Heritage Conservation Centers under Ha Long Bay management are responsible for:
- Delivering this announcement to organizations and individuals that employ expanded polystyrene in Ha Long Bay (see signed list).
  - Overseeing the implementation of this announcement by organizations and individuals that employ expanded polystyrene in the management site, as well as reporting on violations.
3. City departments and offices (Urban Management, Economy, Construction Inspection and Urban Order, Natural Resources and Environment) work with Inspection Team to handle violation cases. Heritage Conservation Centers under Ha Long management are responsible for monitoring and handling violations made by organizations and individuals that are relevant to the implementation of this notice.

Ha Long City PC kindly asks that relevant departments, organizations and individuals honor this announcement./.

***Recipients:***

- Province PC;
- UNESCO Vietnam Committee;
- Department of Cultural Heritage – Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism;
- City PC;
- Departments: Natural Resources and Environment, Construction, Tourism, Agriculture and Rural Development;
- UNESCO Office in Hanoi, IUCN Office in Hanoi;
- Centre for Marinelife Conservation and Community Development (MCD);
- As stated in articles 1, 2, 3;
- City Centre for Communication and Culture, City Portal;
- V0, V1, V2;
- On file: VT.

**ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE'S  
COMMITTEE**

**ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRMAN**

**VICE CHAIRMAN**

**(signed)**

**Ho Quang Huy**