



CRH (Slovensko) a.s.
Cement Plant
906 38 Rohožník
Slovakia

T +421 34 77 65 111
F +421 34 77 65 149
www.crhslovakia.com

10 June 2020

UPDATE: Summary of the situation associated with the import of alternative fuels to the cement plant in Rohožník

Statement from the Austrian Ministry of Environment

Based on the opinion of their expert and the audit of Austrian supplier carried out by an independent audit company, the Austrian Ministry of the Environment stated that it could not share the opinion of its Slovak partner on the illegal shipment of waste, as all results of audits and pictures proved the legality of the material. This information was received by the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic on 8 June 2020. The opinion of the Austrian Ministry confirms the fact that CRH Slovakia did not import any hospital waste and did not participate in any illegal business conduct.

Introduction to the topic

On 29 April 2020, an inspection of waste imported to Slovakia took place at the Jarovce - Kittsee border crossing, where the Slovak Environmental Inspectorate stopped several trucks. One of the vehicles transported alternative fuels from Austria to the cement plant in Rohožník. During the inspection, blue rubber gloves were found in the imported material, which, due to the current situation related to the spread of COVID-19, we use for protection almost everywhere, so they are also commonly found in municipal waste. However, inspectors labelled these gloves as medical waste and did not allow the vehicle with alternative fuels to cross the border. The transported material was intended as a fuel for cement production.

Immediate response of CRH Slovakia

The stopped truck then returned to the supplier, who unloaded the delivery. Employees of the ecorec subsidiary inspected the pile, and nothing suspicious, except gloves, was found in the entire truck.

As part of the quality assurance program, ecorec audited several times in the Austrian company last year. The Austrian company holds an ISO certificate and guarantees that the origin of the waste is purely industrial and municipal, and therefore in no case is it medical waste. In addition, CRH Slovakia regularly receives from this company a list of the origin of the material with all related delivery notes and other documents.

Inspection in Rohožník, which followed the border control

At the initiative of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, an in-depth inspection by the Slovak Environmental Inspectorate took place on Wednesday 13 May 2020 in the cement plant in Rohožník, focusing on the use of solid alternative fuel, emissions and permits. We will know its conclusions in 30 days.

Next steps of CRH Slovakia

Our company has secured all the evidence available to us regarding the transport of alternative fuels that were suspected to be illegal. They confirmed that the consignment in question from Austria contained a standard delivery intended for production technology in a cement plant. According to our analyses, everything was in accordance with internal standards, determined quality standards and rules set by European legislation.



CRH (Slovensko) a.s.
Cement Plant
906 38 Rohožník
Slovakia

T +421 34 77 65 111
F +421 34 77 65 149
www.crhslovakia.com

About alternative fuels

The alternative fuels used in our cement plants in Rohožník and Turňa nad Bodvou are made from common industrial and municipal waste, such as plastics, wood, textiles, and biomass. Their advantage over fossil fuels (e.g. coal) is that co-incineration in rotary kilns at temperatures above 1400 degrees Celsius produces less harmful substances released into the air. Thanks to the presence of CO₂-neutral biomass in them, they also significantly help us to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. An important privilege of their energy recovery is that the ash resulting from their combustion remains part of the cement due to its suitable composition.

Due to insufficient production capacity of alternative fuels in Slovakia, it is necessary to import them from other countries of the European Union. Imported alternative fuel must meet strict quality parameters and its import is issued a permit from the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic. Each such fuel is controlled and analysed in accordance with the operating rules of the waste recovery facility and the established quality control system. Chemical composition and compliance with internal regulations and decisions of the Slovak Environmental Inspectorate are verified by an internal laboratory. The ambition of cement plants is to increase the use of alternative fuels from Slovakia.

Corporate Affairs Department CRH (Slovensko) a.s.

Contact:

Alžbeta Timárová

Corporate Affairs Specialist and Spokesperson

M: +421 (0) 911 151 271

E: alzbeta.timarova@sk.crh.com