

# *Cuba Considers Actions and New Legislation to Boost Recycling Industry*

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Havana, July 24 (RHC) – Cuba prioritizes actions to develop its recycling industry through the purchase of modern technology, the study of potential investments and the adoption of new legislation in the sector.

In tune with a new recycling policy adopted in 2012 by the Cuban Council of Ministers, the performance of the sector is being reviewed and will be complemented with a new recycling law, currently in the works, plus incentives to encourage the recovery of recyclable materials.

The new policy stipulates the development of industrial processing and of course encouragement of foreign investment in the sector.

According to the general vice-director of the Cuban Recycling Industry, Marilyn Ramos, actions have thus far included the study of the country's potential output of recycled materials, the installed capacity for industrial processing and the opportunities that the sector can offer foreign investors.

The plan includes the purchase of new equipment to disassemble large and idle industrial facilities that possess large volumes of metal scrap; important enough is an investment in a local ship disassembling

plant in western Cuba, aimed at increasing capabilities and work on all boats abandoned along Cuban coasts.

In 2013, this sector reported the recycling of over 420 thousand tons of materials, which translated into the saving of 220 million dollars, officials said.

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