

Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011

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1. Overview

The European Waste Framework Directive (WFD) sets the key requirements for how waste is handled. Each Member State must have Regulations in place that transpose these key requirements. For England and Wales, these are the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.

2. Are you affected?

All waste producers must manage their waste under the requirements of these Regulations. They update parts of the Duty of Care and Hazardous Waste Regulations.

3. Summary

- One of the key requirements is the application of the Waste Hierarchy. This sets the priority disposal route for waste: Prevention, Prepare for reuse, Recycling, Recovery, Disposal to landfill.

- All Waste Transfer Notes and hazardous waste Consignment notes must include a statement signed by the transferor that they have considered the waste hierarchy.
- They also require Waste Transfer Notes to include SIC 2007 code for the transferor.
- By 2015, businesses and householders should be separating out 4 key waste types for recycling – paper/card, plastic, metals, glass.
- By the end of 2013, all businesses that carry waste on a regular basis will be required to register as a waste carrier even if they only carry their own waste.

4. What next?

The WFD requires that the 4 materials are 'separately collected'. Defra has recently amended the wording of the definition, however, this is being challenged through Judicial Review.