

Changes to the application process

Dear Operator,

We are emailing to let you know about changes to applications for accreditation, additional materials (in year) and additional part C applications. These changes follow advice received from the Environment Agency legal team.

Changes will take effect from 01 January 2020 and apply to 2020 accreditations onwards.

Approving only part of an application

Applications can't have some parts approved and some parts rejected. If we are in a position to approve your application, except for certain materials or overseas sites, you will need to withdraw these before we can process the approval.

If the parts of the application that we can't approve aren't withdrawn from NPWD we will have to reject the whole application.

This applies to applications for accreditation and additional part C applications for multiple sites.

Additional part B application fees

If you apply to add a new material to an existing accreditation, your application goes through the full assessment process which may include a site visit. To account for the work and in line with the approach taken by the other Agencies these will be treated as new applications and you will need to pay the associated fee before assessment starts.

Fees

- Up to 400 tonnes £505
- Over 400 tonnes £2616

Additional part C start dates

If approved, overseas reprocessors added to accreditations mid-year will be valid from the date the correct broadly equivalent evidence is submitted on NPWD.

This means that the start date for the additional site(s) will not be the same as the start date of the accreditation. You will not be able to issue PERNs on packaging waste exported before the date acceptable broadly equivalent evidence was submitted, which will be listed on your exporter revised annex.

For EU & OECD sites which don't require broadly equivalent evidence to be submitted with the application, the start date will be

Forward Look

☐ Applications for accreditation

- Get ready to submit and pay for your application for 2020 by 30 September 2019, so that the due date falls before 01 January 2020.

Got something to tell us or want to give feedback?

Get in touch with the packaging team on 02084 747 609 or [email here](#)

Reporting non-compliance or intelligence

Any intelligence or suspected non-compliance with the packaging regulations (including unregistered producers) can be reported to your usual contact or emailed to packaging@environment-agency.gov.uk

You can report information anonymously instead by calling our environment incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60 or phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

the date that a correctly completed application is submitted and paid for on NPWD.

If you want to be able to issue PERNs on material exported to an overseas site from the date of your accreditation we advise you to make sure you submit the correct broadly equivalent evidence for the site within your yearly application for accreditation.

Please note that the Regulations provide a 12 week period for us to make a decision on applications. If you submit an additional part C application after October we cannot guarantee that it will be determined by the end of the compliance year.

Queries

If you have any queries, please contact the packaging producer responsibility team at packaging@environment-agency.gov.uk or on 02084 747 609.