

Waste Exemption Reforms

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Waste Exemptions Reforms – recap

- 2018 waste crime consultation – included exemption reform proposals
- Exemptions masking illegal activity will be restricted/withdrawn
- **Est £87m per year waste crime cost from exempt abuse**
- **Not** a review of all exemptions
- England and Wales

What's the latest?

- [Supplementary Government response](#) and [Annexes](#) published – sets out the detail
- Amendments to EPR anticipated **early 2024** (subject to Parliamentary time)

Exemptions to be removed

U16 - depolluted end-of-life vehicles for parts

T8 - treatment of end-of-life tyres

T9 - scrap metal

3 month transition (from EPR amends) to stop or make a permit **application**

Exemptions to be changed

T4 - preparatory treatments

T6 - waste wood

T12 - manual treatment of waste

D7 - burning of vegetation

6 month transition (from EPR amends) to stop, change or make a permit **application**

Exemptions to be changed

U1 - waste in construction

S1 - Storage of waste in containers

S2 – Storage of waste in a secure place

12 month transition (from EPR amends) to stop, change or make a permit **application**

S2 – storage of waste in a secure place

Waste Types	Current conditions			New conditions		
	Waste Code	Annual acceptance (tonnes) / 7-day limit	Storage limits and conditions	Waste Code	Annual acceptance (tonnes)	Storage limits and conditions
WEEE (excluding fluorescent and other gas discharge lamps)	16 02 11* 16 02 13* 16 02 14 16 02 16 <u>20 01 21*</u> 20 01 23* 20 01 35* 20 01 36	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 months • 400 cubic metres • I – the waste is stored in accordance with the requirements under paragraph 1 of Annex VIII to the WEEE Directive 	16 02 11* 16 02 13* 16 02 14 <u>16 02 15*</u> 16 02 16 20 01 23* 20 01 35* 20 01 36	500 tonnes per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 months • 40 cubic metres • The waste is stored on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage • Waste shall be stored indoors or under weatherproof covering • Waste code 16 02 15* is limited to printed circuit boards, power cable and other plastic containing components only • Any WEEE intended for reuse, any flat panel display that may contain compact cold fluorescent lamps and any display equipment with a broken cathode ray tube shall be stored in a building or under weatherproof covering

S2 – storage of waste in a secure place

Fluorescent and other gas discharge lamps		20 01 21*	400 tonnes per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 months• The maximum quantity stored 60 cubic metres.• The waste is stored in a lidded, rigid, leakproof and weatherproof container on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage
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S2 = 12-month transition

T11 - repairing or refurbishing WEEE

Change to waste code

Exemption	Hazardous	Waste Code	Rationale	Action
T11	No	16 02 16	Code 16 02 16 covers non-hazardous components and has previously been used to classify cables and circuit boards from Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. However, code 16 02 15* is more appropriate for these wastes and will therefore be added.	Code 16 02 15* added but limited to printed circuit boards, power cable and other plastic containing components only. These wastes must be stored with a weatherproof covering.

T11 = immediate on EPR change

Other changes for all exemptions

- Exemptions on/next to permitted waste operations and installations (note Reg 5)
- Multiple exemption registrations – need to operate to the lowest quantity limits set out in the exemptions registered (note existing S and T storage limit requirements)

Other changes for all exemptions

- Record keeping requirement (and make available on request), for example the specific waste types handled, waste throughputs etc
- Change 'relevant particulars' to allow requests for additional information at registration and during life of exemption

Exemption Comms

- **Review your exemptions and deregister what you don't need**
- Get ready for change/FAQs – advice on the reforms, permitting, etc
- Comms sent in a phased approach – we will send comms to T11 exemption holders

Permitting

- **125k** registrations with **418k** exemptions
- **80%** of all exemptions and **61%** of all registrations on farm
- Transitional provisions – **3/6/12** months to make an application
- Market Research - contact exempt holders– new application? SR/Bespoke? Permit variation?

Future developments

- Exemption charges consultation - (T11 unlikely to be affected) - **Sept 2023**
- Charges implementation **April 2024**
- Charges will fund:
 - proactive inspection of exempt activities
 - core services (digital, NCCC etc)
- Improvements to digital service
- GOV.UK guidance updates

Any questions?

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