

## Standard rules

Chapter 4, The Environmental Permitting  
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## Treatment of waste to produce soil, soil substitutes and aggregate

### Introductory note

This introductory note does not form part of these standard rules.

When referred to in an environmental permit, these standard rules will allow the operator to store waste at a specified location and treat it to produce soil, soil substitutes and aggregate. Permitted wastes do not include hazardous wastes. The total quantity of waste that can be stored and subsequently treated at the site under these standard rules shall be no more than 75,000 tonnes per year. These standard rules do not permit the burning of any wastes, either in the open, inside buildings or in any form of incinerator.

The permitted activities shall not be carried out within 500 metres of a European Site<sup>1</sup>, Ramsar site or a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) nor within a specified Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)<sup>2</sup>. The permitted activities shall not be within:

- 10 metres of any watercourse;
- 50 metres from any spring or well, or from any borehole not used to supply water for domestic or food production purposes; and
- 250 metres from any well, spring or from any borehole used to supply water for domestic or food production purposes.

These standard rules do not allow any point source emission into surface waters or groundwater. However, under the emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits rule:

- Liquids may be discharged into a foul sewer subject to a consent issued by the local water company.
- Liquids may be taken off-site in a tanker for disposal or recovery.
- Clean surface water from roofs, or from areas of the site that are not being used in connection with storing and treating waste, may be discharged directly to surface waters, or to groundwater by seepage through the soil via a soakaway.

### End of introductory note

<sup>1</sup> A candidate or Special Area of Conservation (cSAC or SAC) and proposed or Special Protection Area (pSPA or SPA) in England and Wales.

<sup>2</sup> An Air Quality Management Area within the meaning of the Environment Act 1995 which has been designated due to concerns about particulate matter in the form of PM10.

# Rules

## 1 – Management

### 1.1 General management

- 1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities:
- (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
  - (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.
- 1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with rule 1.1.1 shall be maintained.
- 1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in these standard rules shall have convenient access to a copy of them kept at or near the place where those duties are carried out.
- 1.1.4 The operator shall comply with the requirements of an approved competence scheme.

## 2 – Operations

### 2.1 Permitted activities

- 2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the operations specified in table 2.1 below ("the activities").

Table 2.1 Activities	
Description of activities	Limits of activities
<b>R13:</b> Storage of wastes pending the operations numbered R3 and R5.	Treatment of wastes listed in table 2.3 consisting only of sorting, separation, screening, crushing and blending of waste for recovery as a soil, soil substitute or aggregate.
<b>R3:</b> recycling or reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents.	Secure storage of wastes listed in table 2.3 pending treatment.
<b>R5:</b> Recycling or reclamation of other inorganic materials.	Storage of wastes listed in table 3.1 shall not exceed 10,000 tonnes in total at any one time.  All other wastes stored shall not exceed 40,000 tonnes in total at any one time.  No more than 75,000 tonnes of waste shall be treated per year.

## 2.2 The site

- 2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan attached to the permit.
- 2.2.2 The activities shall not be carried out within:
- (a) 500 metres of a European Site or Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI);
  - (b) 10 metres of any watercourse;
  - (c) 50 metres of any spring or well, or any borehole not used to supply water for domestic or food production purposes;
  - (d) 250 metres of any well, spring or borehole used to supply water for domestic or food production purposes; and / or
  - (e) a specified AQMA.

## 2.3 Waste acceptance

- 2.3.1 Waste shall only be accepted if:
- (a) it is of a type listed in table 2.3 of these standard rules;
  - (b) it conforms to the description in the documentation supplied by the producer and holder;
  - (c) its chemical, physical and biological characteristics make it suitable for its intended treatment;
  - (d) any excavated soil from potentially contaminated sites has been shown by prior chemical analysis and assessment to be suitable for the intended use without significant risk of pollution; and
  - (e) it is visually inspected on arrival and before it enters the treatment process to ensure that it complies with these standard rules.
- 2.3.2 Any waste that does not comply with 2.3.1 shall be rejected and shall be;
- (a) removed from the site; or
  - (b) moved to a designated quarantine area pending removal.
- 2.3.3 Records demonstrating compliance with rule 2.3 (including analysis and assessment of any excavated soil from potentially contaminated sites) shall be maintained.

**Table 2.3 Waste types**

<b>Exclusions</b>	
<b>Wastes having any of the following characteristics shall not be accepted:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consisting solely or mainly of dusts, powders or loose fibres</li> <li>• Hazardous wastes</li> <li>• Wastes in liquid form</li> </ul>	
<b>Waste Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>01</b>	<b>WASTES RESULTING FROM EXPLORATION, MINING, QUARRYING AND PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF MINERALS</b>
<b>01 04</b>	<b>wastes from physical and chemical processing of non-metalliferous minerals</b>
01 04 08	waste gravel and crushed rocks other than those mentioned in 01 04 07
01 04 09	waste sand and clays
<b>02 02</b>	<b>waste from preparation and processing of meat, fish and other foods of animal origin</b>
02 02 02	shellfish shells from which the soft tissue or flesh has been removed only

<b>03</b>	<b>WASTES FROM WOOD PROCESSING AND THE PRODUCTION OF PANELS AND FURNITURE, PULP, PAPER AND CARDBOARD</b>
<b>03 01</b>	<b>wastes from wood processing and the production of panels and furniture</b>
03 01 01	waste bark and cork
<b>03 03</b>	<b>wastes from pulp, paper and cardboard production and processing</b>
03 03 01	waste bark and wood
<b>10</b>	<b>WASTES FROM THERMAL PROCESSES</b>
<b>10 01</b>	<b>waste from power stations and other combustion plants</b>
10 01 01	bottom ash and slag only
10 01 02	pulverised fuel ash only
10 01 05	gypsum (solid) only
10 01 07	gypsum (sludge) only
10 01 15	bottom ash and slag only from co-incineration other than those mentioned in 10 01 14
<b>10 11</b>	<b>wastes from manufacture of glass and glass products</b>
10 11 12	clean glass other than those mentioned in 10 11 11
<b>10 12</b>	<b>wastes from manufacture of ceramic goods, brick, stiles and construction products</b>
10 12 08	waste ceramics, bricks, tiles and construction products(after thermal processing)
<b>10 13</b>	<b>wastes from manufacture of cement, lime and plaster products and articles and products made from them</b>
10 13 14	waste concrete only
<b>15</b>	<b>WASTE PACKAGING</b>
<b>15 01</b>	<b>packaging</b>
15 01 07	clean glass only
<b>17</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTES (INCLUDING EXCAVATED SOIL FROM CONTAMINATED SITES)</b>
<b>17 01</b>	<b>concrete, bricks, tiles and ceramics</b>
17 01 01	concrete
17 01 02	bricks
17 01 03	tiles and ceramics
17 01 07	mixtures of concrete, bricks, tiles and ceramics other than those mentioned in 17 01 06
<b>17 02</b>	<b>wood, glass and plastic</b>
17 02 02	clean glass only
<b>17 03</b>	<b>bituminous mixtures, coal tar and tarred products</b>
17 03 02	road base and road planings (other than those containing coal tar) only
<b>17 05</b>	<b>soil (including excavated soil from contaminated sites) stones and dredging spoil</b>
17 05 04	soil and stones other than those mentioned in 17 05 03
17 05 06	dredging spoil other than those mentioned in 17 05 05
17 05 08	track ballast other than those mentioned in 17 05 07
<b>17 08</b>	<b>gypsum based construction material</b>
17 08 02	gypsum only other than that mentioned in 17 08 01
<b>19</b>	<b>WASTES FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, OFF SITE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND PREPARATION OF WATER INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION / INDUSTRIAL WASTE</b>
<b>19 05</b>	<b>wastes from aerobic treatment of solid waste</b>
19 05 03	compost from source segregated biodegradable waste only
<b>19 08</b>	<b>wastes from waste water treatment plants not otherwise specified</b>
19 08 02	washed sewage grit (waste from desanding) free from sewage contamination only
19 08 99	stone filter media if free from sewage contamination only
<b>19 09</b>	<b>wastes from the preparation of water intended for human consumption or water for industrial use</b>
19 09 02	sludges from water clarification

<b>19 12</b>	<b>wastes from the mechanical treatment of wastes</b>
19 12 05	clean glass only
19 12 09	minerals (for example sand, stones)
19 12 12	treated bottom ash including IBA and slag other than that containing dangerous substances only
<b>19 13</b>	<b>wastes from soil and groundwater remediation</b>
19 13 02	solid wastes from soil remediation other than those mentioned in 19 13 01
19 13 04	sludges from soil remediation other than those mentioned in 19 13 03
<b>20</b>	<b>MUNICIPAL WASTES (HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND SIMILAR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL WASTES) INCLUDING SEPARATELY COLLECTED FRACTIONS</b>
<b>20 01</b>	<b>separately collected fractions</b>
20 01 02	clean glass only
<b>20 02</b>	<b>garden and park wastes</b>
20 02 02	soil and stones

### 3 – Emissions and monitoring

#### 3.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits

- 3.1.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this rule if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in Table 3.1 below and in any approved emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions.

**Table 3.1 Appropriate measures for emissions not controlled by emission limits**

When located within groundwater Source Protection Zones 1 or 2 the specified wastes below shall be stored and treated on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system.

When located outside groundwater Source Protection Zones 1 or 2 all permitted wastes shall be stored and treated on hard-standing or on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage system.

<b>Waste Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
03 01 01	waste bark and cork
03 03 01	waste bark and wood
10 01 01	bottom ash and slag only
10 01 05	gypsum (solid) only
10 01 07	gypsum (sludge) only
10 01 15	bottom ash and slag only from co-incineration other than those mentioned in 10 01 14
17 05 06	dredging spoil other than those mentioned in 17 05 05
17 08 02	gypsum only other than that mentioned in 17 08 01
19 05 03	compost from source segregated biodegradable waste only
19 09 02	sludges from water clarification
19 12 12	treated bottom ash including IBA and slag other than that containing dangerous substances only
19 13 02	solid wastes from soil remediation other than those mentioned in 19 13 01
19 13 04	sludges from soil remediation other than those mentioned in 19 13 03

- 3.1.2 The operator shall:

- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, an emissions management plan;
- (b) implement the approved emissions management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

- 3.1.3 All liquids in containers, whose emission to water or land could cause pollution, shall be provided with secondary containment, unless the operator has used other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, leakage and spillage from the primary container

## **3.2 Odour**

- 3.2.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, the odour.

- 3.2.2 The operator shall:

- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to odour, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, an odour management plan;
- (b) implement the approved odour management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

## **3.3 Noise and vibration**

- 3.3.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from noise and vibration at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved noise and vibration management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, the noise and vibration.

- 3.3.2 The operator shall:

- (a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to noise and vibration, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a noise and vibration management plan;
- (b) implement the approved noise and vibration management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

# **4 – Information**

## **4.1 Records**

- 4.1.1 All records required to be made by these standard rules shall:

- (a) be legible;
- (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible or are capable of retrieval; and
- (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed by the Environment Agency, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made, or in the case of the following records until permit surrender:
  - (i) off-site environmental effects; and
  - (ii) matters which affect the condition of land and groundwater.

- 4.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by these standard rules, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency

## 4.2 Reporting

- 4.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by these standard rules to the Environment Agency using the contact details supplied in writing by the Environment Agency.
- 4.2.2 Within one month of the end of each quarter, the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency using the form made available for the purpose, the information specified on the form relating to the site and the waste accepted and removed from it during the previous quarter.

## 4.3 Notifications

- 4.3.1 The Environment Agency shall be notified without delay following the detection of:
- any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution;
  - the breach of a limit specified in these standard rules; or
  - any significant adverse environmental effects.
- 4.3.2 Written confirmation of actual or potential pollution incidents and breaches of emission limits shall be submitted within 24 hours.
- 4.3.3 Where the Environment Agency has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform the Environment Agency when the relevant monitoring and/or spot sampling is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to the Environment Agency at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.
- 4.3.4 The Environment Agency shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:
- Where the operator is a registered company:
    - any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
    - any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.
  - Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:
    - any change in the operator's name or address; and
    - any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.
  - In any other case:
    - the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);
    - any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and
    - any steps taken with a view to the operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy, entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership.

## 4.4 Interpretation

- 4.4.1 In these standard rules the expressions listed below shall have the meaning given.

4.4.2 In these standard rules references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except when reference is being made to notification being made "without delay", in which case it may be provided by telephone.

"*accident*" means an accident that may result in pollution.

"*AQMA*" means an air quality management area within the meaning of the Environment Act 1995 which has been designated due to concerns about particulate matter in the form of PM10.

"*authorised officer*" means any person authorised by the Environment Agency under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in Section 108(4) of that Act.

"*dangerous substances*" means any substance that has been or will be classified as dangerous in Directive 67/548/EEC and its subsequent amendments.

"*domestic purposes*" has the same meaning as in section 218 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

"*emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits*" means emissions of substances to air, water or land from the activities, either from emission points specified in these standard rules or from other localised or diffuse sources, which are not controlled by an emission limit.

"*European Site*" means Special Area of Conservation or candidate Special Area of Conservation or Special Protection Area or proposed Special Protection Area in England and Wales, within the meaning of Council Directives 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds and 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna and the Conservation (Natural Habitats &c) Regulations 1994. Internationally designated Ramsar sites are dealt with in the same way as European sites as a matter of government policy and for the purpose of these rules will be considered as a European Site.

"*food production purposes*" means the manufacturing, processing, preserving or marketing purposes with respect to food or drink for which water supplied to food production premises may be used, and for the purposes of this definition "food production purposes" means premises used for the purposes of a business of preparing food or drink for consumption otherwise than on the premises.

"*groundwater*" means all water, which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

"*impermeable surface*" means a surface or pavement constructed and maintained to a standard sufficient to prevent the transmission of liquids beyond the pavement surface, and should be read in conjunction with the term "sealed drainage system" (below).

"*hardstanding*" is a compacted solid surface capable of withstanding the operation and the loading / unloading of wastes.

"*IBA*" means incinerator bottom ash derived from the incineration or pyrolysis of waste.

"*pollution*" means emissions as a result of human activity which may—

- (a) be harmful to human health or the quality of the environment,
- (b) cause offence to a human sense,
- (c) result in damage to material property, or
- (d) impair or interfere with amenities and other legitimate uses of the environment.

"*quarter*" means a calendar year quarter commencing on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

"*R*" means a recovery operation provided for in Annex IIB to Directive 2006/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006 on Waste.

"*sealed drainage system*" in relation to an impermeable surface, means a drainage system with impermeable components which does not leak and which will ensure that:

- (a) no liquid will run off the surface otherwise than via the system;
- (b) except where they may lawfully be discharged to foul sewer, all liquids entering the system are collected in a sealed sump.

"*secure storage*" means storage where waste cannot escape and members of the public do not have access to it.

"*SSSI*" means Site of Special Scientific Interest within the meaning of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000).

"*waste code*" means the six digit code referable to a type of waste in accordance with the List of Wastes (England) Regulations 2005, or List of Wastes (Wales) Regulations 2005, as appropriate, and in relation to hazardous waste, includes the asterisk.



"year" means calendar year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**End of standard rules**