

U8 Use of waste for a specified purpose

What is the purpose of this exemption?

To allow the use of waste where it is suitable for use without treatment, in order to reuse wastes and reduce use of virgin materials.

What types of activities can I do?

Example activities include using:

- paper pulp or sawdust as animal bedding;
- waste paint as a paint in Community Repaint projects;
- compost you have produced for growing mushrooms;
- waste wood or stones to construct walls or structures;
- waste sludges or solutions for treating water.

Where can I carry out this activity?

This can be done at any place that can comply with the environmental controls listed below.

What can't I do?

You can't:

- use waste that needs treatment prior to use;
- treat waste;
- use waste for any purpose other than that specified in [What waste can be used under this exemption?](#);
- mix hazardous wastes with other hazardous or non-hazardous wastes.

What are the key limits?

The specified purpose of each waste type is stated in the third column of [What waste can be used under this exemption?](#)

The fourth column of [What waste can be used under this exemption?](#) states the total amount of each waste type you can use at any one time for the stated specified purpose.

What are the key conditions?

The waste must not be treated, or be required to be treated, prior to use under this exemption.

In relation to end-of-life tyres:

- within the limit of 40 tonnes that can be used for the specified purpose in the table below, you can store piles up to 10 tonnes each with a gap as fire break between each pile.

In relation to the use of Aluminium Hydroxide (AlOH), Ferric Chloride (FeCl) and sludges/solutions from the treatment of water, the wastes must be stored:

- with [secondary containment](#) and
- in a location with [sealed drainage](#)

The waste you use must be suitable for the purposes it is to be used for.

You should only use as much waste material as is necessary to achieve the intended benefit. If you apply more material than could be considered reasonable, we will look upon this activity as waste disposal, and it will not be exempt.

The purpose of the exemption is for the recovery or reuse of the waste.

What else do I need to know?

[Hazardous waste](#) is subject to the requirements of the Hazardous Waste Regulations. Further details about your obligations under these regulations can be found at:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/waste/32200.aspx>

What waste can be used under this exemption?

The waste codes below are those listed in the List of Wastes (LoW) Regulations. You should read the guidance on the LoW to ensure that the waste type you want to treat fits within the waste code.

In some instances the waste types permitted are more restricted than the LoW code. This is indicated by the word “only” in the waste type description in the table below.

You need to make sure your waste falls within the LoW code and the written description in the table. An asterisk * beside a waste code indicates that this waste may be hazardous waste.

Further guidance on coding your waste can be found at:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/waste/32140.aspx>

| Codes | Waste types | Specified purpose | Quantity limit (at any one time) |
|----------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 030105, 191207 | Wood shavings, woodchip, oversized compost, sawdust only | Use in horse manège | 1,000 tonnes |
| 191204 | Shredded or granulated rubber and end-of-life tyres only | Use in horse manège | 1,000 tonnes |
| 191201 | Shredded paper and cardboard | Use as animal bedding | 100 tonnes |
| 030305, 030311 | Paper pulp and paper sludge from paper recycling only | Use as animal bedding | 100 tonnes |
| 030105, 191207 | Wood shavings, woodchip, oversized compost, sawdust only | Use as animal bedding | 100 tonnes |
| 160103 | End-of-life tyres | Use as a weight on cover sheeting on agricultural premises or use as crash barriers | 40 tonnes |
| 150102 | Geotextile bags (flexible intermediate bulk containers) only | Use as reinforcement in construction | 100 bags |
| 020202 | Shellfish shells from which the soft tissue or flesh has been removed only | Use for ornamental purposes | 50 tonnes |
| 191205 | Crushed glass only | Use for ornamental purposes | 50 tonnes |
| 200127*, 200128, 080111*, 080112 | Paints (excluding specialist and industrial paints, wood preservatives, aerosol and spray paints, inks, adhesives and resins) | Use as paint | 1,000 litres |
| 190599 | Compost produced for the purposes of growing mushrooms only | Use in growing mushrooms | 1,000 tonnes |

| Codes | Waste types | Specified purpose | Quantity limit (at any one time) |
|--|--|---|----------------------------------|
| 170102, 170904 | Stones and bricks capable of being used in their existing state only | Use in construction of buildings, fencing, barriers, containment or similar above ground construction | 100 tonnes |
| 170201, 191207, 200138 | Non-hazardous wood including telegraph poles and railway sleepers | Use in construction of buildings, fencing, barriers, containment or similar above ground construction | 100 tonnes |
| 110105*, 110107*, 190902, 190903, 190906 | Aluminium hydroxide (AlOH) and ferric chloride (FeCl) and sludges/solutions from the treatment of water only | Use in treating waste water effluent and in water treating processes | 50 cubic metres |
| 100201, 100202, 170504, 191209 | Blast furnace slag and stones only | Use as filter media at waste water treatment works | 50,000 tonnes |

The full text of the legislation can be found at:

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2010/draft/ukdsi_9780111491423_en_1

Related exemptions

If you want to only store certain waste types before it is used at another place you should register S2 Storage of waste in a secure place.

Registration of this exemption

You cannot register this exemption until **6 April 2010**. A link to the registration process is available on the following web page:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/permitting/116406.aspx>

Definitions

“**hazardous waste**”, except in Section 5.1 of Part 2 of Schedule 1—

(a) in relation to England, has the meaning given in regulation 6 of the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005,

(b) in relation to Wales, has the meaning given in regulation 6 of the Hazardous Waste (Wales) Regulations 2005.

Guidance on what is hazardous waste can be found at:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/waste/32200.aspx>

“**sealed drainage**” means a drainage system with an impermeable surface which ensures that:

(a) no liquid will run off the surface otherwise than via the system, and

(b) except where they may be lawfully discharged, all liquids entering the system are collected in a sealed sump.

“**secondary containment**” means a bund or any other system for preventing waste which has leaked from the primary container from escaping from the place where it is stored.

Where a bund is used as secondary containment:

(a) the bund must:

(i) have a capacity of not less than 110% of the original container’s storage capacity, or

(ii) if there is more than one container within the containment system, have a capacity of not less than 110% of the largest container's storage capacity or 25% of their aggregate storage capacity, whichever is the greater, and

(iii) have an impermeable lining; and

(b) reasonable precautions must be taken to ensure that the capacities specified in paragraph (a) are maintained at all times.

The full '**Glossary of terms**' can be viewed [here](#)