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# WASTE MANAGEMENT: THE NEW LEGISLATIVE CLIMATE

What the new Directives mean and how to ensure  
you comply with your statutory duties

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*“This new report explains all the most recent changes to waste policy and legislation and what you need to do in practice.”*



### Are you totally clear about:

- **The EU Hazardous Waste Directive**
- **The EU Landfill Directive**
- **The Waste Acceptance Criteria**
- **The Pollution Prevention and Control regime**
- **Producer responsibility**

### ...and what you need to do to comply with the regulations?

This valuable new report explains what all the new legislation, directives and regulations mean in practice and what you need to do to stay within the law.

Recent far-reaching changes to the law and practice affect everyone – commerce and industry, central and local government, householders.

This report is written for officers and managers in both the public and private sectors responsible for:

- Waste management
- Environmental management
- Pollution management
- Contaminated land management

## Key issues covered in the report

- 1 Main aims of EU and UK policy: shifting waste away from landfill to recovery and recycling.
- 2 Regulation of waste facilities under the *Pollution Prevention and Control* regime and recent initiatives to clamp down on fly-tipping.
- 3 Impact of two EU Directives that have brought about a major reshaping of waste management in the UK – the *Hazardous Waste Directive* and the *Landfill Directive*.
- 4 Practical information for hazardous waste producers: new duties under the new Regulations and how to assess whether waste is hazardous. Around 180 waste streams became hazardous for the first time in 2005 – is your waste one of them?
- 5 *The Waste Acceptance Criteria*: practical steps which hazardous waste producers must take to comply with the Landfill Regulations. Many companies remain unaware that some everyday wastes like oily rags are no longer acceptable in landfill.
- 6 Producer responsibility: while many companies are still struggling with their duties under the packaging regulations, producer responsibility is now being extended to two further waste streams – end of life vehicles (ELVs) and waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).
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