

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(CHAPTER 95, SECTION 113)

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH (GENERAL WASTE
COLLECTION) REGULATIONS

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Environmental Public Health (General Waste Collection) Regulations.

Definitions

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“code of practice” means the code of practice issued by the Director-General and applicable to every general waste collector;

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“general waste” means —

- (a) refuse or industrial waste, excluding any toxic industrial waste specified in the Schedule to the Environmental Public Health (Toxic Industrial Waste) Regulations (Rg 11);
- (b) waste from grease interceptors;
- (c) waste from sewerage systems, including waste from sewage treatment plants, septic tanks and water-seal latrines;
- (d) waste from sanitary conveniences not part of a sewerage system, including waste from sanitary conveniences which are mobile or in ships or aircraft;
- (e) dangerous substances that have been treated and rendered harmless and safe for disposal;

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- (f) toxic industrial waste that has been treated and rendered harmless and safe for disposal; and

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- (g) recyclables that have been deposited in any receptacle —
 - (i) referred to in section 10(1)(c) of the Act; or
 - (ii) provided in any residential property for the purpose of recycling;

“incinerable waste” means any general waste that is suitable to be disposed of by incineration;

“licensee” means any person or company licensed under these Regulations to collect and transport general waste to a disposal facility;

“non-incinerable waste” means any general waste that is not suitable to be disposed of by incineration;

“residential property” means —

- (a) any house, building or other premises or any part thereof which is permitted to be used under the Planning Act (Cap. 232) or any written law as a dwelling-house or which is lawfully so used; or
- (b) any land zoned in the Master Plan for solely residential purposes or for mixed purposes, one of which shall be residential.

(2) The refuse, waste or material specified in the First Schedule are prescribed for the purpose of the definition of “recyclable” in section 2 of the Act.

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PART II

LICENCES

No person to act as general waste collector without licence

3. No person shall collect or transport general waste for payment or other remuneration (whether monetary or otherwise) unless he is the holder of a general waste collector’s licence.

Application for licence

4.—(1) Every application for a general waste collector’s licence shall be made to the Director-General in such form as the Director-General may determine.

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(2) Every applicant shall furnish the following information in such form as the Director-General may require:

- (a) details of equipment and vehicles to be used by the applicant;
- (b) a list of premises to be served;

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- (c) the types and quantities of general waste to be collected and conveyed; and

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- (d) where recyclables are to be collected and conveyed —
- (i) the type of receptacles used by the applicant for collection of recyclables;
 - (ii) the frequency of collection of recyclables; and
 - (iii) the recycling facility or facilities where the recyclables collected by the applicant are to be sent to.

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Fee for licence

5. The licensee shall pay an annual licence fee of \$130 except that where the licensee is a licensed toxic industrial waste collector under the Environmental Public Health (Toxic Industrial Waste) Regulations (Rg 11) he shall be exempted from payment of the licence fee.

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Factors determining granting of licence

6. The Director-General, in determining whether to grant or refuse to grant a general waste collector's licence, shall generally have regard to —

- (a) the suitability of the types of collection vehicles in use or intended to be used for the collection and transportation of general waste from the collection point to the disposal facility; and

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- (b) the financial standing of the applicant and his ability to maintain an adequate, satisfactory, safe, hygienic and efficient collection service for general waste.

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Submission of information

7.—(1) The licensee shall submit to the Director-General updated information as required in regulation 4(2) at six-monthly intervals or at such other intervals as may be specified by the Director-General.

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(2) A licensee shall notify the Director-General in writing of any change of his business address within 7 days of such change.

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Collection of waste for recycling permit

7A.—(1) No licensee shall collect any waste for recycling from any premises unless the licensee is a holder of a permit issued under regulation 7B.

(2) In this regulation, “premises” means any premises designated by the Director-General in any area under section 8(2) of the Act.

[S 480/2002 wef 01/10/2002]

Application for permit for collection of waste for recycling

7B.—(1) Every application for a permit to collect waste for recycling shall be made to the Director-General in such form as the Director-General may determine.

(2) The Director-General may, if he thinks fit, issue a permit to any person who makes an application under paragraph (1).

(3) A permit issued under paragraph (2) —

- (a) shall specify the areas within which a permit holder may operate; and
- (b) may contain such conditions on the permit holder as the Director-General may impose.

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PART III

TRANSPORTATION OF WASTES

Transportation of general wastes under Class A

8. Transportation of general waste listed under Class A in the Second Schedule shall be by skip container trucks, open lorries with crane or tipper or such other vehicle as may be permitted by the Director-General.

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Transportation of general wastes under Class B

9. Transportation of general waste listed under Class B in the Second Schedule shall be by compaction vehicles, roll-off compactors or such other vehicles as may be permitted by the Director-General.

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Transportation of general wastes under Class C and Class D

10. Transportation of general waste listed under Class C and Class D in the Second Schedule shall be by tanker trucks or such other vehicles as may be permitted by the Director-General.

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Display of hazard warning label

11. Where any Class D waste is being transported in a tanker truck or other vehicle, the licensee shall ensure that such appropriate hazard warning label as specified by the Director-General in the code of practice is displayed on the windscreen of the tanker truck or vehicle.

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Type of vehicle used may be specified by Director-General

12. The Director-General may require a licensee to use or cease to use a specific vehicle for the collection and transportation of general waste.

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Labelling of information on side of skip container

13. A licensee shall label both sides of his skip container with such information as specified by the Director-General in the code of practice.

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Cleansing and maintenance of collection vehicles for general waste

14. A licensee shall ensure that his vehicles for the collection of general waste are cleansed at the end of each work shift and maintained in good working condition.

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Cleansing and maintenance of general waste collection points

15.—(1) A licensee shall ensure that any general waste collection point under his charge is cleansed and maintained daily to be free from odours, stains, flies, vermin and rodents.

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(2) A licensee shall ensure that the general waste or liquid from such waste is not dropped, scattered or spilled onto any public place.

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PART IV

DISPOSAL OF WASTES

Disposal of wastes at disposal facility

16. No licensee shall dispose of or cause or permit to be disposed of any general waste in any place except at a disposal facility.

Disposal of incinerable and non-incinerable wastes

17.—(1) A licensee shall transport all incinerable waste to a refuse incineration plant or an appropriate refuse transfer station for disposal.

(2) A licensee shall transport all non-incinerable waste to a refuse dumping ground for final disposal.

(3) The Director-General may require a licensee to re-organise his waste collection trips or take such other measures needed to eliminate or minimise the mixing of incinerable and non-incinerable wastes.

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(4) The Director-General may specify the particular disposal facility for any load of general waste conveyed by a licensee.

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Disposal of waste for recycling

17A.—(1) A holder of a permit issued under regulation 7B shall transport all waste collected by him for recycling to any recycling facility.

(2) Any person who collects recyclables that have been deposited in any receptacle —

(a) referred to in section 10(1)(c) of the Act; or

(b) provided in any residential property for the purpose of recycling,

shall transport such recyclables to a recycling facility.

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PART V

MISCELLANEOUS

Records on collection service for general waste service

18.—(1) A licensee shall keep and maintain proper records on the collection service for general waste rendered by him which shall include the following:

(a) place of collection of general waste;

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(b) frequency of collection;

(c) place of disposal;

(d) type and tonnage of general waste collected and disposed of;

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(e) the vehicle used for collection; and

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- (f) type and quantity of receptacles for the deposit of recyclables.

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(2) A licensee shall make available on demand the records for inspection by any public health officer.

Suspension or revocation of licences

19. If any licensee —

- (a) contravenes or fails to comply with or fails to secure the compliance by its employees, agents or contractors with any of the provisions of the Act or these Regulations or any written directive by the Director-General; or

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- (b) in the opinion of the Director-General, fails to provide and maintain an adequate, safe, satisfactory, hygienic and efficient service,

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the Director-General may, by notice in writing, suspend or revoke the licence.

Employment of licensed general waste collectors

20.—(1) Any person who or any firm or company which produces general waste shall only engage a person who is licensed under these Regulations to collect and transport such waste.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), any person who or any firm or company which collects and transports general waste arising from his own activities is exempted from regulation 3.

Exemption

21. The Director-General may exempt any person or any class of persons from any of the provisions of these Regulations.

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Penalty

22. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$100 for every day during which the offence continues after conviction.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(2)

CATEGORIES OF RECYCLABLES

<i>Recyclables</i>	<i>Examples</i>
1. Paper products	Newspaper, computer printouts, writing paper, envelopes, car park coupons, brochures or pamphlets, magazines, books, cardboard and paper packaging (such as cereal boxes and drink cartons) and other paper products but excluding tissue paper and paper food wrappers.
2. Metal products	Cans or containers made of metal such as soft drink cans, beer cans, milk powder tins and food cans.
3. Plastic products	Bottles or containers made of plastic such as detergent containers, milk containers, mineral water bottles, soft drink bottles, juice bottles, plastic bags, plastic packaging and other plastic products but excluding styrofoam, disposable cutleries and crockeries.
4. Glass products	Jars, wine bottles and beer bottles but excluding light bulbs, window glass, porcelain, ceramic and fish tanks.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulations 8, 9 and 10

CLASSES OF GENERAL WASTES

Class A

- (1) Bulky wastes such as unwanted furniture and electrical appliances, construction and renovation debris, cut tree trunks and branches.
- (2) Non-putrefiable industrial wastes.

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- (3) Recyclables that have been deposited in any receptacle —
- (a) referred to in section 10(1)(c) of the Act; or
 - (b) provided in any residential property for the purpose of recycling.

Class B

- (1) Domestic refuse, food waste and market waste.
- (2) Industrial wastes with a high organic content and which are putrefiable.

Class C

- (1) Sludge and other wastes from grease interceptors.
- (2) Sewage, sludge and other wastes from water-seal latrines, sewage treatment plants, septic tanks or other types of sewerage systems.
- (3) Waste from sanitary conveniences not part of a sewerage system, including waste from sanitary conveniences which are mobile or in ships or aircraft.

Class D

- (1) Dangerous substances that have been treated and rendered harmless and safe for disposal.
- (2) Toxic industrial waste that has been treated and rendered harmless and safe for disposal.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH (GENERAL WASTE
COLLECTION) REGULATIONS
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