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DO YOU TRANSPORT WASTE IN NORTHERN IRELAND?

If you do and are not registered as a carrier of controlled waste, you may be committing a criminal offence and could be fined up to **£5,000**.

WHO MAY BE AFFECTED?

- ♦ hauliers ♦ skip operators ♦ scrap metal dealers
- ♦ waste disposal contractors ♦ builders ♦ electricians ♦ plumbers
- ♦ joiners ♦ painters & decorators ♦ glaziers ♦ tarmacadam contractors
- ♦ kitchen fitters ♦ landscape contractors ♦ waste paper merchants etc

WHAT IS CONTROLLED WASTE?

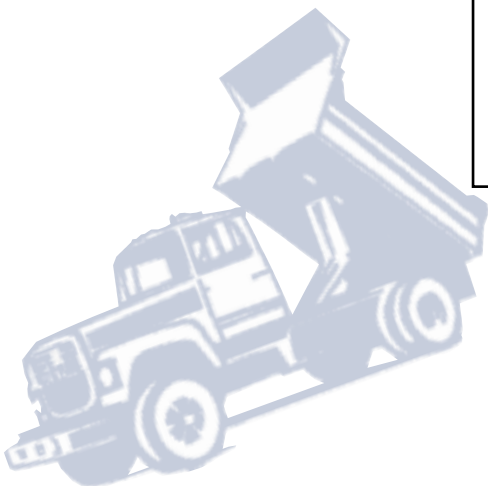
Any kind of household, commercial or industrial waste, whether in liquid or solid form – *but excluding waste from mining, quarrying or agricultural operations.*

HOW DO I KNOW IF I NEED TO REGISTER?

- ♦ **You must register** if you transport construction or demolition waste, including waste from preparatory work. Construction waste includes waste arising from works of improvement, repair or alteration.
- ♦ **You must register** if you transport waste in the course of your business, or for profit. It is the distinction as to who creates the waste that is important in determining the need to register.

For example, if you transport empty drink cans from a school, this is waste created by someone else and you must be registered. However if you are contracted by the school to cut the lawn and take away the grass cuttings, you do not need to be registered to remove the grass cuttings as you created the waste.

- ♦ **You do not need to register** if you only transport waste which you have produced and which is not building or demolition waste.



WHAT IS THE COST OF REGISTRATION?

£120 for the initial 3 year registration period and £60 for subsequent 3 year renewals.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET REGISTERED?

The Department is allowed 2 months to consider an application.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD KNOW?

Further regulations are soon to be introduced which will place a legal responsibility (Duty of Care) on any person who releases waste to ensure that it is transported by an authorised carrier and deposited at a site licensed to accept that type of waste. Site operators will only be able to accept waste from an authorised carrier. Details about waste movement will have to be documented.

Businesses and public bodies will be mindful of their legal obligations under Duty of Care. If you are not registered you could lose out on obtaining contracts.

The Legislative provisions for the registration of carriers of controlled waste are contained in:-

The Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997; and

The Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations (NI) 1999

If you would like:

- ◆ an application form;
- ◆ more information about the carriers registration scheme;
- ◆ to talk to someone about whether you need to register; please contact

Sarah Lavery on 028 9024 6694; or

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