

Memo-Business & General Information

From: The National Office

Date: July 2013

Number 44

Registration as a Carrier of Waste

Following a member query about the need to register to carry waste products e.g. condemned extinguishers, extinguisher fills, condemned fire alarms etc and the subsequent investigation we have received the following information:-

As you can see from the message below from the environment agency **you do not need** to be registered to be a waste carrier. The subtlety appears to be in the wording: if in your opinion a fire extinguisher should be condemned then you have produced the waste as part of your activity and no waste licence is required. However, if you receive a phone call asking you to remove a quantity of dead extinguishers then you are carrying waste produced by a.n. other and you would require a licence. Therefore any waste in your van should be there as part of your professional opinion only, this saves having to be in possession of a waste transfer licence.

We have further learnt that in the New Year it is the intention to get everyone to register BUT companies who deal in condemned extinguishers, dead fire alarms etc will only have to register at a 'low level' and at the moment this is likely to be free (watch this space).

On your behalf I have been through the process to register as a carrier of waste products via the links below and it does indeed suggest that no registration is required; at least not until January 2014

However, we would recommend printing off a copy of the following just in case you encounter officials with a different opinion.

"Further to our conversation.

If a company or individual removing waste produced as a result of their activity (maintenance of fire extinguishers) they are classed at the waste producer and will not be required to register as a waste carrier or complete a waste transfer note for the first movement of that waste. If the fire extinguisher were deemed to be hazardous then a consignment note would be required for all movements of the waste.

pto

A 'producer' is the person whose activity makes the waste or who carries out an activity resulting in a change in the nature or composition of the waste. This is regardless of whether they have been instructed by someone else or not. Somebody who only transports (non construction and demolition) waste, which they have removed as a result of carrying out their business activity, would not need to register as a waste carrier.

Information on our website will indicate when registration is required:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/sectors/wastecarriers.aspx>

You can apply for a waste carriers registration online or by paper and the information can be found on our website:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/sectors/143810.aspx>

If you require any further information or help please contact me at enquires@environment-agency.gov.uk

Kind Regards

Kim Cresswell

Digital Editor and Customer Service Specialist

National Customer Contact Centre

Environment Agency

Tel: 03708 506506

www.environment-agency.gov.uk

DISCLAIMER

The information, facts and opinions expressed in this document are believed to be correct in the light of information available but they are not guaranteed. Neither IFEDA nor its officers can accept responsibility in respect of these contents or their implementation.

This is an IFEDA member service, which is for the use of IFEDA Members only and in this format is copyright of the Independent Fire Engineering & Distributors Association. It must not be copied, or passed to others.