Welsh Government

Response form

Consultation on the Separate Collection of Waste Materials for Recycling – A Code of Practice for Wales

Proposals for the Separate Collection of Waste Materials for Recycling – A Code of Practice for Wales. The separation requirements are set out in the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011, as to be amended by the proposed Waste (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2023.

Date of issue: 23 November 2022

Action required: Responses by 15 February 2023

Your name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Email / telephone number:

Your address:

**Question 1:** Please specify which sector you are representing:

1. A business
2. A third sector organisation
3. A public sector organisation
4. Local Authority waste collection service
5. A waste management company (e.g., private waste collector, waste handler, or re-processor, operators of incineration and co-incineration facilities, operator of landfill facilities)
6. None of the above *(please specify)*

**Question 2:** How useful is the code in explaining the separation requirements?

1. Very useful
2. Mostly useful
3. Some sections useful/others not so useful
4. Not very useful
5. No use at all

*If you answered iii-v, please explain why and what would help improve this.*

Q**uestion 3**: Do you understand which premises are covered by the proposed separation regulations?

1. Yes
2. No
3. No opinion

*If you answered ‘No’, please explain.*

**Question 4:** Do you understand the explanation of an ‘occupier’, who is required to comply with the separation requirements?

1. Yes
2. No
3. No opinion

*If you answered ‘No’, please explain.*

**Question 5:** There are some exemptions from the separation requirements explained in the code, for example for reasons of national security, hazardous or clinical waste or to protect confidentiality or personal data. Are you aware of any other areas that should be exempt from the separation requirements?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don’t know

*If you answered ‘Yes’, please explain what these are and why they should be exempt.*

**Question 6:** Do you find the inclusion of information about other complementary legislation operating alongside the regulations (e.g., duty of care) useful?

1. Very useful
2. Mostly useful
3. No opinion
4. Not useful

*Is there anything else you would like to see included?*

**Question 7:** Are you satisfied with the definitions provided in the glossary?

1. Yes
2. No
3. No opinion

*If you have answered ‘No’, please identify how the definitions could be improved.*

**Question 8:** Are you satisfied with the explanation of sub-fractions that should be placed into separate streams?

1. Very satisfied
2. Somewhat satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Not satisfied

*If you answered ‘iii’ or ‘iv’ please explain why and what could be done to improve the clarity of this section.*

**Question 9:** We propose excluding most sWEEE (apart from unsold sWEEE) initially from the separation requirements but intend to include them up to two years after the regulations come into force. Do you agree with this approach?

1. Yes
2. No

*If you answered ‘No’, what other approach would you like to see and why?*

**Question 10**: We propose excluding most textiles (apart from unsold textiles) initially from the separation requirements but intend to include them up to three years after the regulations come into force. As a consequence, we also propose to not proceed with the proposed ban on separately collected textiles (apart from unsold textiles) going to incineration initially but intend to do so in the same timeframe. Do you agree with this approach?

1. Yes
2. No

*If you answered ‘No’, what other approach would you like to see and why?*

**Question 11:** We intend to include cartons in the metal and plastic stream. Do you agree this is the best stream to place cartons in?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don’t know

*If you answered ’No or ‘Don’t know’, please explain why.*

**Question 12:** Should this material stream (i.e., metal/plastic/cartons) also include ‘other fibre-plastic composite packaging of a similar composition to cartons’? This wording is intended to capture materials such as rigid paper containers (for example packaging used for crisps and cups used for hot drinks)?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don’t know

*If you answered ’No’ or ‘Don’t know’ please explain your reasons. Is there anything else that ought to be included?*

**Question 13:** Do you agree with this approach for hospitals?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure

*If you have answered ‘ii’ or ‘iii’, please explain your reasons.*

**Question 14:** If you have any comments in respect of the code or the proposed regulations which aren’t addressed directly in the above-mentioned questions, please outline these in the response form below.

**Question 15**: We would like to know your views on the effects that the business, public and third sector recycling regulations would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English. What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

**Question 16**: Please also explain how you believe the proposed regulations could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

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