

Transporting waste *interstate or overseas*

Waste tracking helps stamp out illegal dumping, prevents waste going to the wrong facility and stops unfair competition.

The Waste Regulation has been amended and simplified, making it easier for industry to comply with the requirements. The amended regulation, Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2005, came into effect on 1 March 2006.

The following information will help you understand your responsibilities and determine what you need to do to comply with the Waste Regulation when transporting your waste interstate or overseas.

What types of waste must be tracked?

The types of waste that must be tracked are listed in Schedule 1 of the Waste Regulation. The Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW (DECC) may issue an exemption in relation to one or more of the waste tracking requirements. For more information see the fact sheets *Characterising your waste* and *Waste that must be tracked*.

Waste movements into NSW from interstate locations

The tracking requirements for waste movements into NSW from interstate locations are essentially the same as for waste movements within NSW.

Consignment authorisations can be obtained from DECC or approved receiving facilities. Waste can be tracked using the online waste tracking system.

Waste movements from NSW to interstate locations

For waste movements from NSW to an interstate facility, contact the environment agency of the destination jurisdiction for advice on requirements including consignment authorisations.

If the waste is being transported out of NSW ensure that the consignment authorisation is valid for the destination jurisdiction.

Overseas compliance

If you are transporting waste to or from an overseas location, contact the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Water Resources for advice on the requirements.

If you are transporting waste to another state or territory, you must comply with the laws of the state or territory that you pass through once you leave NSW. The 5-docket transport certificates available from DECC are valid for waste transported from NSW to other states and territories.



Transporting liquid waste interstate

What happens if you don't comply with the Regulation?

If waste is illegally dumped and harms the environment, the maximum penalty is \$5 000 000 or a 7-year jail sentence.

The maximum penalty for supplying false or misleading information about waste is \$250 000.

The maximum penalty for transporting waste, or causing waste to be transported to a place that cannot lawfully receive waste, is \$1 000 000.

List of environment agencies

A list of contact details for the Commonwealth, state and territory environment agencies follows. Contact the environment agency in the relevant jurisdiction for advice on their requirements.

Commonwealth Government

Department of the Environment and Water Resources
(formerly Department of Environment and Heritage)
John Gorton Building
King Edward Terrace PARKES ACT 2600
GPO Box 787 CANBERRA ACT 2601
Phone: +61 2 6274 1111 Fax: +61 2 6274 1666
Website: www.deh.gov.au

Australian Capital Territory

ACT Department of Territory and Municipal Services
Level 2, Macarthur House
12 Wattle St LYNEHAM ACT 2602
PO Box 144 LYNEHAM ACT 2602
Phone: +61 2 6207 9777 Fax: +61 2 6207 2227
Website: www.environment.act.gov.au

Northern Territory

Northern Territory Government Natural Resources,
Environment and the Arts
Level 2, Darwin Plaza Building
41 Smith Street DARWIN NT 0800
GPO Box 30 Palmerston NT 0831
Phone: +61 8 8924 4139 Fax: +61 8 8924 4053
Website: www.nreta.nt.gov.au/

Queensland

Environmental Protection Agency
160 Ann Street BRISBANE QLD 4000
PO Box 15155 CITY EAST QLD 4002
Phone: +61 7 3227 7111
Website: www.epa.qld.gov.au

South Australia

Department for Environment and Heritage
Chesser House
91-97 Grenfell Street ADELAIDE SA 5000
GPO Box 1047 ADELAIDE SA 5001
Phone: +61 8 8204 9000 (Switchboard)
Fax: +61 8 8124 4939
Website: www.environment.sa.gov.au/

Environment Protection Authority (SA)
77 Grenfell Street Adelaide SA 5000
GPO Box 2607 ADELAIDE SA 5001
Phone: +61 8 8204 2000 Fax: +61 8 8204 9393
Website: www.epa.sa.gov.au

Tasmania

Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment
22 Elizabeth Street HOBART TAS 7000
GPO Box 771 HOBART TAS 7001
Phone: +61 3 6233 5732 Fax: +61 3 6233 5905
Website: www.dtae.tas.gov.au

Victoria

Environment Protection Authority
Herald and Weekly Times Tower
40 City Road SOUTHBANK VIC 3006
PO Box 4395QQ MELBOURNE VIC 3001
Phone: +61 3 9695 2700
Fax: +61 3 9695 2780
Pollution Watchline: +61 3 9695 2777
Website: www.epa.vic.gov.au/

Western Australia

Department of Environment & Conservation
Address 1:
Level 4
168 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000
PO Box K822 PERTH WA 6842
Phone: +61 8 6364 6500 Fax: +61 8 6364 6520
Address 2:
3 Plain Street EAST PERTH WA 6004
PO Box 6740 Hay Street East
EAST PERTH WA 6892
Phone: +61 8 9278 0300 Fax: +61 8 9278 0587
Website: www.environment.wa.gov.au

Related fact sheets

- Waste tracking for waste producers
- Waste tracking for waste transporters
- Waste tracking for receiving facilities
- Waste tracking for authorised agents
- Online waste tracking
- Characterising your waste
- Waste that must be tracked

