

Special Waste Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2004 Hazardous Waste (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2005

In 2005 The Special Waste Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2004 amended The Special Waste Regulations 1996 in Scotland. The Hazardous Waste (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2005 replaced The Special Waste Regulations in Northern Ireland from 16 July 2005. Clinical, dental & medicinal wastes are affected by these Regulations. The responsibility for determining if waste is special/hazardous rests with the Producer, although Cannon can assist & advise as outlined below.

All special (Scotland) waste or hazardous waste (Northern Ireland) needs to be accompanied by Consignment Notes for each removal. The Cannon requirement and charges detailed below are due to the Regulations requiring fees to be paid to The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)/Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) for every individual Consignment Note, and costs necessarily incurred by Cannon in carrying out the requirements of the Regulations.

Although a requirement in England and Wales under Hazardous Waste Regulations (England and Wales) 2005, Registration of Premises with The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) or Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) is not a requirement of the Regulations in Scotland or Northern Ireland, so Premises Registration (or Exemption from Registration) does not apply.

The current position regarding the types of waste collected by Cannon is:

Soft / hard clinical waste (i.e. orange bags, Cannon clinical units), sharps and pharmi - sharps, hard clinical waste containers

- This waste may be classed as special/hazardous due to its infectious nature. The Department of Health produced important new guidance in December 2006 in 'Safe Management of Healthcare Waste' (Department of Health, 2006), which can be downloaded from the Cannon web site at www.cannonhygiene.com (under 'Legislation') or forwarded on request by e-mail or post.
- An important aspect of this Guidance is whether clinical waste is from a healthcare or non-healthcare activity and how that affects whether it needs to be consigned as special/hazardous waste.
- SEPA, NIEA and The Environment Agency have produced Guidance in 'Interpretation of the Definition & Classification of Hazardous Waste' ('WM2') on determining if your waste is special/hazardous.
- Cannon Hygiene have produced interpretation of these documents as they relate to our Customers in the form of a flowchart and associated guidance notes. The Cannon Guidance/Flowchart and relevant extracts from the above documents can be downloaded at www.cannonhygiene.com (under 'Legislation') or forwarded on request by e-mail or post.
- The British Dental Association have also produced guidance which can also be downloaded at www.cannonhygiene.com (under 'Legislation') or forwarded on request by e-mail or post.

Feminine hygiene, nappy & incontinence wastes

- are not classed as hazardous waste. If any waste of this type is believed to be infectious it should be classed as clinical waste and dealt with as in the previous section above

Dental waste

- Amalgam / spent capsules, x-ray developer & fixer are always hazardous wastes under the New Regulations. The British Dental Association guidance can be downloaded at www.cannonhygiene.com (under 'Legislation') or forwarded on request by e-mail or post.

Medicines

- Although previously prescription only medicines were always special waste, only cytotoxic & cytostatic medicines are special/hazardous under the new Regulations. Although cytotoxic medicines are well recognised, cytostatic medicines are not defined in UK legislation.
- In June 2010 new Cannon guidance based on Environment Agencies and Department of Health Guidance was produced and can be downloaded from the Cannon web site at www.cannonhygiene.com (under 'Legislation') or forwarded on request by e-mail or post.

If you produce special/hazardous waste

- All special/hazardous waste removed will need to be accompanied by Consignment Notes, with copies to be retained by yourselves and provided to The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)/Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), and the appropriate fee for each collection paid to SEPA/NIEA
- If you are in Northern Ireland, you will require confirmation of delivery of your hazardous waste to an appropriately authorised site within one month (known as a 'Consignee's Return')
- You must not mix special/hazardous with non-special/hazardous waste

What Cannon can do for you

- Prepare Consignment Notes, provide your required copy on collection and copies to The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)/Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA)
- Payment of the fees to The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)/Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA). In Northern Ireland, provide confirmation of delivery to an appropriately authorised site (a requirement of the new Regulations in Northern Ireland but not Scotland). The charge for each collection will be £15 in Scotland invoiced monthly in arrears. The charge is included in the cost of the service in Northern Ireland (due to different charges for Consignment Notes made by SEPA in Scotland and NIEA in Northern Ireland, and also the additional requirement for Consignee Returns each month in Northern Ireland).

What we need you to do as an existing or proposed Cannon Customer

We need you to tell us:

- which waste is special/hazardous, as some wastes we collect may be special/hazardous and some not (you should also refer to the Cannon Guidance/flowchart as to which wastes are always special/hazardous wastes and Cannon can only collect as special/hazardous)

in order for us to provide you with a service, the [Cannon Hazardous Waste Reply Form \(Scotland and Northern Ireland\)](#) needs to be completed. This is either attached, can be downloaded from www.cannonhygiene.com (under 'Legislation') or forwarded on request by e-mail or post. This can be returned as outlined on the form either in hard copy or electronically.

If you require any further assistance you can contact our Environmental and Hazardous Waste Team

- by telephone on 01524 595620
- by e-mail on hazardous@cannonhygiene.com