

Regulatory position statement

Standard Industrial Classification and the Hazardous Waste Regulations

If you comply with the requirements below, we will not pursue certain requirements associated with the Hazardous Waste Regulations for the completion of hazardous waste consignment notes.

Background

This regulatory position statement clarifies the use of the Standard Industrial Classification¹ (SIC) code on hazardous waste consignment notes.

Our customers use SIC from the 2003 publication of codes and those from the 2007 publication of codes. The Hazardous Waste Regulations (HWR) require the 2003 codes to be used. This position provides a relaxation to the use of the SIC code on a hazardous waste consignment note. More information about hazardous waste can be found on [our website](#).

All other provisions of the HWR apply to hazardous waste and in all circumstances.

Our approach

We will not pursue breaches of the requirement to include the SIC code on a hazardous waste consignment note². We will also not pursue any corrections of the SIC code if, for example, the 2007 publication of the SIC is provided on a consignment note. We expect all other information required to be provided on consignment note as set out in the HWR.

We will still require the SIC from the 2003 publication of codes to be provided when a premises registration is made on line, by telephone, electronically or on a paper form.

1 SIC means the publication entitled “the UK Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities 2003” prepared by the Office of National Statistics and published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office on 31 December 2002 and implemented on 1 January 2003.

2 The HWR require that the SIC from the 2003 publication are included in Part B of a consignment note.

Enforcement

The decision not to require the inclusion of a SIC code on a consignment note (or take enforcement action if a SIC code from the version published in 2007 is used) will not prevent us from taking enforcement action where an activity involving hazardous waste or a failure to comply with other rules on hazardous waste has caused, or is likely to cause, pollution or harm to health.

We will, however, continue to enforce the controls on hazardous waste. For a more detailed explanation of this enforcement position, please refer to our [Enforcement and Sanctions Statement](#). This document can be found on the 'How we regulate you' page in the Business & Industry section of our website.

This regulatory position will be reviewed by September 2012.

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