

## Agricultural Waste and the Exemptions Review

### U2 Use of baled tyres in construction

#### What exemption does it replace?

It is a new exemption replacing [low risk waste positions LRW034 and LRW035](#)

#### What is the purpose of this exemption?

The exemption has been provided to allow baled tyres to be used in construction projects where they are a suitable replacement for more traditional building materials.

#### What types of farming activities can I do?

Tyre bales can be suitable alternative to traditional and virgin aggregates on soft or unstable ground. For example tyre bales can be used as an alternative to gabions in slope stability repairs. Tyre bales must be produced and used in accordance with [PAS108 requirements](#).

#### What can't I do?

You can't:

- use tyre bales that are not baled to [PAS 108](#) standard.
- use loose tyres, shredded tyres, or other wastes in your construction.

#### What are the key limits?

You can store and use:

- 50 tonnes of baled tyres. This is equivalent to approximately 50 tyre bales.

#### What are the key conditions?

The tyre bales:

- must be suitable for the type of construction work you are carrying out;
- must only be used once, you cannot re-use them for any other construction; or
- must not be stored for longer than 3 months before you use them.

PAS 108 requires that any tyre bales that are used in construction are covered to prevent them from being exposed to UV light which causes the bales to degrade.

#### Where can I carry out this activity?

Any farm that has been registered under this exemption.

## What else do I need to know?

You can obtain copies of [PAS 108](#) standard – PAS108:2007, Specification for the production of tyre bales for use in construction, ISBN 978 0 580 50349 8 from Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP). You can get this guidance by downloading it from the WRAP website [www.wrap.org.uk/tyres](http://www.wrap.org.uk/tyres).

## What wastes can I use under this exemption?

List of wastes codes	Waste types
160103	Baled end-of-life tyres only

## Related exemptions

If you want to use other wastes in construction you should check if they are listed in [U1 Use of waste in construction](#).

If you want to bale tyres, or treat them in another way, you may be able to register [T8 Mechanical treatment of end-of-life tyres](#).

If you want to use tyres which haven't been baled to weight silage sheeting you may be able to register a exemption [U8 Use of waste for a specified purpose](#).

## Related environmental permits

If you need to use more than 50 tonnes of tyres bales (approximately 50 tyre bales) you will need to apply for an [environmental permit](#).