

MINISTERIAL DECISION No. (18/93)
REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

After perusal of Royal Decree No. 26/75 issuing the Law Regulating the Administrative Organization of the State and its amendments.
And in accordance with the Law of Conservation of Environment and Prevention of Pollution and its Amendments, issued by Royal Decree No. 10/82.

And in accordance with the requirements of public interest.

The following was decided

Article (1)

The following Regulations regarding the Management of Hazardous Waste are to be in force.

Article (2)

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force from the beginning of the following month of publication.

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MINISTER OF REGIONAL
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ISSUED ON: 10 Shaaban, 1413 H
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Article 1

The terms used in these Regulations shall have the following meanings:

1. The Minister

The Minister of Regional Municipalities and Environment.

2. The Ministry:

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3. Hazardous Waste

Any waste arising from commercial, industrial, agricultural or any other activities which, due to its nature, composition, quantity or any other reason is: hazardous or potentially hazardous to human health, to plants or animals, to air, soil or water. This includes explosive, radio-active or flammable substances; which may cause disease as well as those issued by a decision from the Minister.

4. Recycling

The selective, controlled and beneficial separation of specific components of hazardous waste at or after the point of its generation.

5. Transporter

A person who has been licensed by the Ministry to transport hazardous waste.

6. Hazardous Waste Generator

The owner (and/or his agent) of any land or premises of any type where hazardous waste is generated. Any person (and/or his agent) trading in hazardous materials having hazardous residues of any kind or from any source.

7. Consignment Note

A document listing the category and quantity of hazardous waste in accordance with the relevant order issued by the Minister.

8. Storage Facility

The site that has been licensed by the Ministry for the reception and interim storage of hazardous waste.

9. Pretreatment

Any physical, chemical or biological treatment or process, including deposition other than as a means of ultimate disposal by which hazardous waste is rendered less noxious or innocuous.

10. Pretreatment Facility

The site for the pretreatment of hazardous waste that has been licensed by the Ministry .

11. Hazardous Waste Landfill Site

A landfill site licensed by the Ministry where hazardous waste are permitted to be disposed of .

12. Final Disposal

The ultimate disposal of a hazardous waste, after any pre-treatment, without risk to health or the environment.

Article (2)

The application submitted for a Hazardous Waste Licence shall be according to the standard format developed by the Ministry and the applicant shall explain and describe how the waste generator will apply the best available technology relevant to his production and operational practices to minimize the generation of hazardous waste, including the application of any practicable recycling procedures covered by Article (7) of these Regulations.

Article (3)

Every holder of NEO or licence previously issued according to the Law of Conservation of Environment and Prevention of Pollution is committed to submit an application to the Ministry to obtain Hazardous Waste Licence within three months of the date when these Regulations came into force. The Ministry shall reach a decision within three months of receipt of the application.

Article (4)

No hazardous waste shall be mixed with any other category of waste nor shall it be discharged to a common or other internal or external sewerage or other drainage system without a licence from the Ministry .

Article (5)

Every hazardous waste generator shall complete a Consignment Note for each category of hazardous waste before the hazardous waste leaves his land or premises.

Article (6)

All hazardous waste shall be labeled and packed according to the Ministerial Decision issued in this respect.

Article (7)

A hazardous waste or any components of a hazardous waste may be recycled at the point of generation or elsewhere only within the conditions of these Regulations. In case recycling is limited only to the point of generation, hazardous waste generator shall not be committed to complete a consignment note.

Article (8)

Every hazardous waste generator shall store hazardous waste in approved storage facilities on his land or at his premises until its removal in accordance with the terms of the licence issued by the Ministry .

Article (9)

Hazardous waste shall be transported by transporters licenced by the Ministry to collect, handle, store and dispose hazardous waste outside the waste generator's premises. This licence will be issued with conditions after the approval of Royal Oman Police.

Article (10)

Every owner of any site where hazardous waste is to be stored, shall apply for a licence from the Ministry and shall operate the site only in accordance with the terms of the issued licence which shall include a requirement that all hazardous waste received at the site shall be accompanied by appropriate Consignment Note(s) in accordance with Article (5).

Article (11)

Every owner of a storage facility shall only release hazardous waste from that facility if it is accompanied by a Consignment Note in accordance with Article (5).

Article (12)

The owner of any site for the pretreatment of hazardous waste shall apply to the

Ministry for a licence for the site prior to starting his activities. He shall not receive any hazardous waste other than the conditions included in the issued licence which is accompanied by the Consignment Note(s).

Article (13)

The owner of any hazardous waste landfill site shall apply to the Ministry to obtain the necessary licence. No owner of any hazardous waste landfill site shall receive any hazardous waste which is not accompanied by the Consignment Note(s).

Article (14)

The staff, determined by a Decision from the Minister, shall inspect any process generating hazardous waste, any activities related to such generation, undertake any tests or inquiries necessary and proper for the implementation of these Regulations, without giving prior notice.

Article (15)

No hazardous waste whatsoever shall be imported into or exported from the Sultanate without a permit from the Minister. This permit shall be issued after seeking the approval of the concerned Government Agencies according to the Law of Conservation of Environment and Prevention of Pollution.

Article (16)

Before the issuance of a licence from the Ministry and in accordance with these Regulations the approval of the Ministry of Health shall be obtained for all projects involving the collection, transport, storage, pretreatment and disposal of hazardous waste.