

Approved Supply List

The presence of a dangerous substance in waste can require it to be classified as "hazardous" waste. Dangerous substances are those listed in the Approved Supply List (ASL). The ASL is made under the Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002 and can be amended at any time.

The 8th Edition of the ASL came into force on 31 October 2005, and the Agency now requires operators to use this edition, in conjunction with its Technical Guidance Document WM2, to determine whether a waste is hazardous.

The Environment Agency's hazardous waste guidance (WM2) states that where a chemical is listed in the ASL, the classification given therein takes precedence over a classification found elsewhere.

Impact of new ASL

The 8th edition of the ASL introduces a number of additional dangerous substances. For instance zinc is added to the list of ecotoxic compounds. Waste producers and operators of all waste management facilities will need to consider the impact of a change in hazardous/non-hazardous classification of this and other materials under the new edition of the ASL.

The 8th edition of the ASL has significant implications for all industries, in particular it will have a bearing on the availability of disposal and recovery options for certain wastes and the ability to comply with Waste Acceptance Criteria under the Landfill Regulations.

The Agency has stated it will enforce the use of the 8th edition of the ASL, in conjunction with its Technical Guidance Document WM2, to determine whether a waste is hazardous, from 1st November 2006.

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The Approved Supply List (8th edition) is available from HSE Books (L142, ISBN 0717661385).

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HSE information

HSE CHIP web sites: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/chip/index.htm>

Changes to CHIP and ASL: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/chip/issues.htm>

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