

The Waste Duty of Care: A Code of Practice

Comments by

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These comments are made on behalf of Members, but some members may be providing independent comments as well. If you would like to discuss these comments further we would be delighted to do so.

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Northern Ireland Environment Link (NIEL) supports the provisions laid out in the Controlled Waste Duty of Care Regulations (NI) 2013. A thorough and robust code of practice will aid implementation of the new regulations. The consultation questions are addressed below:

Question 1

The Code of Practice should list all the mandatory information that now needs to be included on a waste transfer note, including the SIC code of the transferor, as well as the producer, origin and destination of the waste. This will reduce any uncertainty around the new requirements.

Question 2

Yes

Question 3

No. There is minimal reference to the requirement for those transferring the waste to carry, and have available for inspection, a WTN at all times. This needs to be clearly stated.

Question 4

Yes.

Question 5

Yes