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I, ALAN KELLY, Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving effect to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives, hereby make the following regulations:

PART I

PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL

*Citation*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Properties of Waste which Render it Hazardous) Regulations 2015.

*Interpretation*

2. (1) In these Regulations-

"Act of 1996" means the Waste Management Act 1996.

*Entry into Force*

3. These Regulations shall come into operation on 1 June 2015.

PART II

AMENDMENT OF THE ACT OF 1996

*Substitution of the Second Schedule of the Act of 1996*

4. The Act of 1996 is amended by substituting the following Schedule for the Second Schedule:

"SECOND SCHEDULE

PROPERTIES OF WASTE WHICH RENDER IT HAZARDOUS

Section 4(1)

**HP 1 'Explosive':** waste which is capable by chemical reaction of producing gas at such a temperature and pressure and at such a speed as to cause damage to the surroundings. Pyrotechnic waste, explosive organic peroxide waste and explosive self-reactive waste is included.

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"Iris Oifigiúil" of 9th June, 2015.*

When a waste contains one or more substances classified by one of the hazard class and category codes and hazard statement codes shown in Table 1, the waste shall be assessed for HP 1, where appropriate and proportionate, according to test methods. If the presence of a substance, a mixture or an article indicates that the waste is explosive, it shall be classified as hazardous by HP 1.

Table 1: Hazard Class and Category Code(s) and Hazard statement Code(s) for waste constituents for the classification of wastes as hazardous by HP 1:

Hazard Class and Category Code(s)	Hazard statement Code(s)
Unst. Expl.	H 200
Expl. 1.1	H 201
Expl. 1.2	H 202
Expl. 1.3	H 203
Expl. 1.4	H 204
Self-react. A	H 240
Org. Perox. A	
Self-react. B	H 241
Org. Perox. B	

**HP 2 ‘Oxidising’:** waste which may, generally by providing oxygen, cause or contribute to the combustion of other materials.

When a waste contains one or more substances classified by one of the hazard class and category codes and hazard statement codes shown in Table 2, the waste shall be assessed for HP 2, where appropriate and proportionate, according to test methods. If the presence of a substance indicates that the waste is oxidising, it shall be classified as hazardous by HP 2.

Table 2: Hazard Class and Category Code(s) and Hazard statement Code(s) for the classification of wastes as hazardous by HP 2:

Hazard Class and Category Code(s)	Hazard statement Code(s)
Ox. Gas 1	H 270
Ox. Liq. 1	H 271
Ox. Sol. 1	
Ox. Liq. 2, Ox. Liq. 3	H 272
Ox. Sol. 2, Ox. Sol. 3	

**HP 3 ‘Flammable’:**

- flammable liquid waste: liquid waste having a flash point below 60°C or waste gas oil, diesel and light heating oils having a flash point > 55°C and ≤ 75°C;

- flammable pyrophoric liquid and solid waste: solid or liquid waste which, even in small quantities, is liable to ignite within five minutes after coming into contact with air;
- flammable solid waste: solid waste which is readily combustible or may cause or contribute to fire through friction;
- flammable gaseous waste: gaseous waste which is flammable in air at 20°C and a standard pressure of 101.3 kPa;
- water reactive waste: waste which, in contact with water, emits flammable gases in dangerous quantities;
- other flammable waste: flammable aerosols, flammable self-heating waste, flammable organic peroxides and flammable self-reactive waste.

When a waste contains one or more substances classified by one of the following hazard class and category codes and hazard statement codes shown in Table 3, the waste shall be assessed, where appropriate and proportionate, according to test methods. If the presence of a substance indicates that the waste is flammable, it shall be classified as hazardous by HP 3.

Table 3: Hazard Class and Category Code(s) and Hazard statement Code(s) for waste constituents for the classification of wastes as hazardous by HP 3:

Hazard Class and Category Code(s)	Hazard statement Code(s)
Flam. Gas 1	H220
Flam. Gas 2	H221
Aerosol 1	H222
Aerosol 2	H223
Flam. Liq. 1	H224
Flam. Liq.2	H225
Flam. Liq. 3	H226
Flam. Sol. 1	H228
Flam. Sol. 2	
Self-react. CD	H242
Self-react. EF	
Org. Perox. CD	
Org. Perox. EF	
Pyr. Liq. 1	H250
Pyr. Sol. 1	
Self-heat.1	H251
Self-heat. 2	H252
Water-react. 1	H260
Water-react. 2 Water-react. 3	H261

**HP 4 ‘Irritant — skin irritation and eye damage’:** waste which on application can cause skin irritation or damage to the eye.

When a waste contains one or more substances in concentrations above the cut-off value, that are classified by one of the following hazard class and category codes and hazard statement codes and one or more of the following concentration limits is exceeded or equalled, the waste shall be classified as hazardous by HP 4.

The cut-off value for consideration in an assessment for Skin corr. 1A (H314), Skin irrit. 2 (H315), Eye dam. 1 (H318) and Eye irrit. 2 (H319) is 1%.

If the sum of the concentrations of all substances classified as Skin corr. 1A (H314) exceeds or equals 1%, the waste shall be classified as hazardous according to HP 4.

If the sum of the concentrations of all substances classified as H318 exceeds or equals 10%, the waste shall be classified as hazardous according to HP 4.

If the sum of the concentrations of all substances classified H315 and H319 exceeds or equals 20%, the waste shall be classified as hazardous according to HP 4.

Note that wastes containing substances classified as H314 (Skin corr.1A, 1B or 1C) in amounts greater than or equal to 5% will be classified as hazardous by HP 8. HP 4 will not apply if the waste is classified as HP 8.

**HP 5 ‘Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT)/Aspiration Toxicity’:** waste which can cause specific target organ toxicity either from a single or repeated exposure, or which cause acute toxic effects following aspiration.

When a waste contains one or more substances classified by one or more of the following hazard class and category codes and hazard statement codes shown in Table 4, and one or more of the concentration limits in Table 4 is exceeded or equalled, the waste shall be classified as hazardous according to HP 5. When substances classified as STOT are present in a waste, an individual substance has to be present at or above the concentration limit for the waste to be classified as hazardous by HP 5.

When a waste contains one or more substances classified as Asp. Tox. 1 and the sum of those substances exceeds or equals the concentration limit, the waste shall be classified as hazardous by HP 5 only where the overall kinematic viscosity (at 40°C) does not exceed 20.5 mm<sup>2</sup>/s.<sup>1</sup>

Table 4: Hazard Class and Category Code(s) and Hazard statement Code(s) for waste constituents and the corresponding concentration limits for the classification of wastes as hazardous by HP 5

<sup>1</sup>The kinematic viscosity shall only be determined for fluids.

Hazard Class and Category Code(s)	Hazard statement Code(s)	Concentration limit
STOT SE 1	H370	1%
STOT SE 2	H371	10%
STOT SE 3	H335	20%
STOT RE 1	H372	1%
STOT RE 2	H373	10%
Asp. Tox. 1	H304	10%

**HP 6 ‘Acute Toxicity’:** waste which can cause acute toxic effects following oral or dermal administration, or inhalation exposure.

If the sum of the concentrations of all substances contained in a waste, classified with an acute toxic hazard class and category code and hazard statement code given in Table 5, exceeds or equals the threshold given in that table, the waste shall be classified as hazardous by HP 6. When more than one substance classified as acute toxic is present in a waste, the sum of the concentrations is required only for substances within the same hazard category.

The following cut-off values shall apply for consideration in an assessment:

- For Acute Tox. 1, 2 or 3 (H300, H310, H330, H301, H311, H331): 0.1%;
- For Acute Tox. 4 (H302, H312, H332): 1%.

Table 5: Hazard Class and Category Code(s) and Hazard statement Code(s) for waste constituents and the corresponding concentration limits for the classification of wastes as hazardous by HP 6

Hazard Class and Category Code(s)	Hazard statement Code(s)	Concentration limit
Acute Tox.1 (Oral)	H300	0.1%
Acute Tox. 2 (Oral)	H300	0.25%
Acute Tox. 3 (Oral)	H301	5%
Acute Tox 4 (Oral)	H302	25%
Acute Tox.1 (Dermal)	H310	0.25%
Acute Tox.2 (Dermal)	H310	2.5%
Acute Tox. 3 (Dermal)	H311	15%
Acute Tox 4 (Dermal)	H312	55%
Acute Tox 1 (Inhal.)	H330	0.1%
Acute Tox.2 (Inhal.)	H330	0.5%
Acute Tox. 3 (Inhal.)	H331	3.5%
Acute Tox. 4 (Inhal.)	H332	22.5%

**HP 7 ‘Carcinogenic’:** waste which induces cancer or increases its incidence.

When a waste contains a substance classified by one of the following hazard class and category codes and hazard statement codes and exceeds or equals one of the following concentration limits shown in Table 6, the waste shall be classified as hazardous by HP 7. When more than one substance classified as carcinogenic is present in a waste, an individual substance has to be present at or above the concentration limit for the waste to be classified as hazardous by HP 7.

Table 6: Hazard Class and Category Code(s) and Hazard statement Code(s) for waste constituents and the corresponding concentration limits for the classification of wastes as hazardous by HP 7

Hazard Class and Category Code(s)	Hazard statement Code(s)	Concentration limit
Carc. 1A	H350	0.1%
Carc. 1B		
Carc. 2	H351	1.0%

**HP 8 ‘Corrosive’:** waste which on application can cause skin corrosion.

When a waste contains one or more substances classified as Skin corr.1A, 1B or 1C (H314) and the sum of their concentrations exceeds or equals 5%, the waste shall be classified as hazardous by HP 8.

The cut-off value for consideration in an assessment for Skin corr. 1A, 1B, 1C (H314) is 1.0%.

**HP 9 ‘Infectious’:** waste containing viable micro-organisms or their toxins which are known or reliably believed to cause disease in man or other living organisms.

The attribution of HP 9 shall be assessed by the rules laid down in reference documents or legislation in the Member States.

**HP 10 ‘Toxic for reproduction’:** waste which has adverse effects on sexual function and fertility in adult males and females, as well as developmental toxicity in the offspring.

When a waste contains a substance classified by one of the following hazard class and category codes and hazard statement codes and exceeds or equals one of the following concentration limits shown in Table 7, the waste shall be classified hazardous according to HP 10. When more than one substance classified as toxic for reproduction is present in a waste, an individual substance has to be present at or above the concentration limit for the waste to be classified as hazardous by HP 10.

Table 7: Hazard Class and Category Code(s) and Hazard statement Code(s) for waste constituents and the corresponding concentration limits for the classification of wastes as hazardous by HP 10

Hazard Class and Category Code(s)	Hazard statement Code(s)	Concentration limit
Repr. 1A	H360	0.3%
Repr. 1B		
Repr. 2	H361	3.0%

**HP 11 ‘Mutagenic’:** waste which may cause a mutation, that is a permanent change in the amount or structure of the genetic material in a cell.

When a waste contains a substance classified by one of the following hazard class and category codes and hazard statement codes and exceeds or equals one of the following concentration limits shown in Table 8, the waste shall be classified as hazardous according to HP 11. When more than one substance classified as mutagenic is present in a waste, an individual substance has to be present at or above the concentration limit for the waste to be classified as hazardous by HP 11.

Table 8: Hazard Class and Category Code(s) and Hazard statement Code(s) for waste constituents and the corresponding concentration limits for the classification of wastes as hazardous by HP 11

Hazard Class and Category Code(s)	Hazard statement Code(s)	Concentration limit
Muta. 1A, Muta. 1B	H340	0.1%
Muta. 2	H341	1.0%

**HP 12 ‘Release of an acute toxic gas’:** waste which releases acute toxic gases (Acute Tox. 1, 2 or 3) in contact with water or an acid.

When a waste contains a substance assigned to one of the following supplemental hazards EUH029, EUH031 and EUH032, it shall be classified as hazardous by HP 12 according to test methods or guidelines.

**HP 13 ‘Sensitising’:** waste which contains one or more substances known to cause sensitising effects to the skin or the respiratory organs.

When a waste contains a substance classified as sensitising and is assigned to one of the hazard statement codes H317 or H334 and one individual substance equals or exceeds the concentration limit of 10%, the waste shall be classified as hazardous by HP 13.

**HP 14 ‘Ecotoxic’:** waste which presents or may present immediate or delayed risks for one or more sectors of the environment.

**HP 15 ‘Waste capable of exhibiting a hazardous property listed above not directly displayed by the original waste’.**

When a waste contains one or more substances assigned to one of the hazard statements or supplemental hazards shown in Table 9, the waste shall be classified as hazardous by HP 15, unless the waste is in such a form that it will not under any circumstance exhibit explosive or potentially explosive properties.

Table 9: Hazard statements and supplemental hazards for waste constituents for the classification of wastes as hazardous by HP 15

Hazard Statement(s) / Supplemental Hazard(s)	
May mass explode in fire	H205
Explosive when dry	EUH001

<b>Hazard Statement(s) / Supplemental Hazard(s)</b>	
May form explosive peroxides	EUH019
Risk of explosion if heated under confinement	EUH044

In addition, Member States may characterise a waste as hazardous by HP 15 based on other applicable criteria, such as an assessment of the leachate.

*Note*

Attribution of the hazardous property HP 14 is made on the basis of the criteria laid down in Annex VI to Council Directive 67/548/EEC.

*Test methods*

The methods to be used are described in Council Regulation (EC) No 440/2008<sup>2</sup> and in other relevant CEN notes or other internationally recognised test methods and guidelines.”

<sup>2</sup>Council Regulation (EC) No 440/2008 of 30 May 2008 laying down test methods pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (OJ L 142, 31.5.2008, p. 1).



GIVEN under my Official Seal  
29 May 2015.

ALAN KELLY,  
Minister for the Environment, Community and Local  
Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).*

These Regulations provide for measures to protect the environment and human health by preventing or reducing the adverse impacts of the generation and management of waste and by reducing overall impacts of resource use and improving the efficiency of such use and transpose Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain directives.

In particular, these Regulations provide for the transposition of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1357/2014 of 18 December 2014 replacing Annex III to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste and repealing certain directives.

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