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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2011 No. 988**

**The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011**

**PART 2**

**Waste prevention programmes**

**Establishment of waste prevention programmes**

- 4.—(1) The appropriate authority must, not later than 12th December 2013—
- (a) evaluate the usefulness of the waste prevention measures set out as examples in Annex IV of the Waste Framework Directive and any other such measures the authority thinks fit; and
  - (b) establish one or more programmes of waste prevention measures (each a “waste prevention programme”).
- (2) A programme established before the coming into force of these Regulations may be a waste prevention programme.
- (3) In this regulation, “waste prevention measures” means measures taken before a substance, material or product has become waste that reduce—
- (a) the quantity of waste, including through the re-use of products or the extension of the life span of products;
  - (b) the adverse impacts of generated waste on the environment and human health; or
  - (c) the content of harmful substances in materials and products.

**Purposes etc. of waste prevention programmes**

5. The appropriate authority must ensure that a waste prevention programme—
- (a) is compatible with the objectives in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1;
  - (b) has as its purpose a contribution towards breaking the link between economic growth and the environmental impacts associated with the generation of waste;
  - (c) is expressed in writing and—
    - (i) sets out the objectives of the programme and a description of existing waste prevention measures; and
    - (ii) if it is integrated into a waste management plan or other programme, clearly identifies the programme’s waste prevention measures.

**Monitoring and evaluation of waste prevention programmes**

- 6.—(1) An appropriate authority—
- (a) must establish qualitative or quantitative benchmarks; and
  - (b) may establish qualitative or quantitative targets and indicators,

against which to assess the value of waste prevention programmes.

(2) An appropriate authority must publish the benchmarks and any targets or indicators it establishes.