



Waste and Emissions Trading Act 2003

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WASTE SENT TO LANDFILLS

Strategies for reducing landfilling of biodegradable waste

20 [F¹Plan] for Northern Ireland

- (1) The Department of the Environment must have a [F²plan] for reducing—
 - (a) the amount of biodegradable waste from Northern Ireland that goes to landfills, and
 - (b) the amount of biodegradable waste from outside Northern Ireland that goes to landfills in Northern Ireland.
- (2) The [F³plan] required by subsection (1) must (in particular) include measures to achieve the targets specified for Northern Ireland under sections 1 and 2.
- (3) The measures mentioned in subsection (2) include (in particular) measures to achieve the targets by means of recycling, composting, biogas production, materials recovery or energy recovery.
- (4) Before formulating policy for the purposes of subsection (1), the Department must—
 - (a) consult the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers and the National Assembly for Wales,
 - (b) consult such bodies or persons appearing to it to be representative of the interests of local government as it considers appropriate,
 - (c) consult such bodies or persons appearing to it to be representative of the interests of industry as it considers appropriate, and

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- (d) carry out such public consultation as it considers appropriate.
- (5) The Department must set out in a statement any policy formulated for the purposes of subsection (1).
- (6) The Department must, as soon as a statement is prepared for the purposes of subsection (5), send a copy of it to—
- (a) the Secretary of State,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers, and
 - (c) the National Assembly for Wales.
- (7) Where subsection (1) is satisfied by policies set out in a statement prepared before the coming into force of that subsection, it does not matter that the policies were not formulated for the purposes of that subsection.
- (8) Subsection (4) may be satisfied by consultation before, as well as by consultation after, the coming into force of this section.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 20 heading substituted (16.1.2020) by [The Waste Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2019 \(S.R. 2019/240\)](#), regs. 1, **14(a)**
- F2** Word in s. 20(1) substituted (16.1.2020) by [The Waste Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2019 \(S.R. 2019/240\)](#), regs. 1, **14(b)**
- F3** Word in s. 20(2) substituted (16.1.2020) by [The Waste Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2019 \(S.R. 2019/240\)](#), regs. 1, **14(b)**
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 20 in force at 17.9.2004 by [S.R. 2004/399](#), **art. 2(2)**

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