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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 1559**

**The Landfill (England and Wales) Regulations 2002**

**PART I**

PRELIMINARY

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—
- “the 2000 Regulations” means the Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000(1);
  - “biodegradable waste” means any waste that is capable of undergoing anaerobic or aerobic decomposition, such as food or garden waste and paper and cardboard;
  - “hazardous waste” has the meaning given by regulation 7(2);
  - “holder” means the producer of waste or the person who is in possession of it;
  - “inert waste” has the meaning given by regulation 7(4);
  - “landfill” means a landfill to which these Regulations apply (see regulations 3 and 4);
  - “landfill gas” means any gas generated from landfilled waste;
  - “landfill permit” has the meaning given by regulation 6(2);
  - “leachate” means any liquid percolating through deposited waste and emitted from or contained within a landfill;
  - “municipal waste” means waste from households as well as other waste which because of its nature or composition is similar to waste from households;
  - “non-hazardous waste” has the meaning given by regulation 7(3);
  - “operator” has the meaning given by regulation 2(1) and (2) of the 2000 Regulations;
  - “relevant authorisation” means, in relation to a landfill, the landfill permit or waste management licence for the time being in force in relation to the landfill;
  - “relevant waste acceptance criteria” means, in relation to a landfill, the waste acceptance criteria set out in Schedule 1 which apply to the class of landfill to which that landfill belongs;
  - “treatment” means physical, thermal, chemical or biological processes (including sorting) that change the characteristics of waste in order to reduce its volume or hazardous nature, facilitate its handling or enhance recovery;
  - “waste” means controlled waste within the meaning of section 75(4) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990(2);

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(1) S.I.2000/1973, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(2) 1990 c. 43 and *see* regulation 7A of S.I. 1992/588 as amended by S.I. 1993/566, regulations 1 and 24(8) of, and paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 to, S.I. 1994/1056 and the prospective amendments made to section 75 by paragraph 88 of Schedule 22 to the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25).

“waste management licence” means a waste management licence within the meaning of Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990; and

other expressions used in these Regulations which are also used in Directive [99/31/EC](#) on the landfill of waste<sup>(3)</sup> shall have the same meaning as in that Directive.

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(3) OJNo. L182, 16.7.1999, p.1; the Directive was designated by S.I. [2001/3585](#) as a relevant directive for the purposes of paragraph 20(2)(c) of Schedule 1 to the 1999 Act.