
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for the collection, transport and treatment of food waste, and for related matters.

They are in pursuance of Articles 11(1) (re-use and recycling) and 22 (bio-waste), and in accordance with Articles 4 (waste hierarchy) and 13 (protection of human health and the environment) of Directive [2008/98/EC](#) on waste (OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, p.3).

These Regulations amend the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 ([S.I. 1997/2778 \(N.I. 19\)](#)) to provide for the separate collection of food waste. They place a duty on food businesses producing in excess of 5kg of food waste per week to present food waste for separate collection and place a duty on businesses to ensure food waste is not deposited in a lateral drain or sewer.

These regulations require district councils to provide receptacles for the separate collection of food waste from households.

These regulations place a duty on those who transport food waste to collect and transport such waste separately from other waste.

These Regulations amend the Pollution, Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R.2013 No.160) and the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R.2003 No.493) to ensure that separately collected food waste is not mixed with other waste to the extent that would hamper future recycling.

These Regulations amend the Landfill Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R.2003 No.496) with the effect that the operator of a landfill shall not accept separately collected food waste.