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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 972**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**The Special Waste Regulations 1996**

*Made* - - - - *28th March 1996*  
*Laid before Parliament* *1st April 1996*  
*Coming into force* - - *1st September 1996*

The Secretary of State for the Environment, as respects England, the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, and the Secretary of State for Scotland, as respects Scotland, being Ministers designated<sup>(1)</sup> for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(2)</sup> in relation to measures relating to the regulation and control of the transit, import and export of waste (including recyclable materials), the prevention, reduction and elimination of pollution caused by waste and the requirement for an assessment of the impact on the environment of projects likely to have significant effects on the environment, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 2(2) of that Act, sections 3(1), 17, 30(4) and (5) and 104(1) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974<sup>(3)</sup>, sections 33(3), 34(5), 62(1) to (3), 74(6), 75(8) and 78 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990<sup>(4)</sup> (having, in particular, had regard in exercising their powers under section 33(3) of that Act to the matters specified in section 33(4) of that Act) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

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(1) S.I. 1993/2661, 1992/2870 and 1988/785.

(2) 1972 c. 68.

(3) 1974 c. 40; section 3(1) is repealed, and section 17 is prospectively repealed, by Part II of Schedule 16 to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43); the repeal of section 3(1) came into force on 1st May 1994 (save for certain purposes, in respect of which other dates are appointed) by virtue of S.I. 1994/1096 (as amended by S.I. 1994/2487 and 1994/3234).

(4) 1990 c. 43; section 62 is amended by paragraph 80 of Schedule 22 to the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25) and section 78 is amended by paragraph 7 of Schedule 4 to the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 (c. 12).