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ENVIRONMENT AGENCY HELPS SMALL PRODUCERS OF WASTE

When the Hazardous Waste Regulation 2005 were brought into effect in July 2005 part of the requirement was for organisations producing hazardous wastes, as defined in the regulations, to register their premises with the Environment Agency. Some exemptions to this requirement such as Doctors, Vets and Dentists were allowed, provided they produced no more than 200 kilos of waste per year. All commercial premises were required to register whatever amount they produced.

From 6th April 2009 the annual amount of waste exempt from registration has been increased to 500 kilos per annum and instead of the exemption applying to only select organisations such as those described above, it has been extended to all premises.

In short if you are producing hazardous waste but it amounts to less than 500 kilos per year you will **not** need to register your premises with the Environment Agency.

However please remember the following points:

- You are still required to dispose of Hazardous Waste by a prescribed route through a Licensed Waste Contractor such as Saxon Recycling
- Such waste materials are moved under Consignment Note Procedures as required by the Environment Agency and all movement documentation must be retained by you for a minimum of three years and be available for inspection by Environment Agency Officers on demand
- Exactly the same requirements are placed on producers of hazardous waste as before with regard to the handling, storage and disposal of these materials in terms of health, safety and environmental considerations to their employees and the community
- If the total amount of hazardous waste, as defined in the Regulations, produced at your premises exceeds 500 kilos in any year then it is your responsibility to ensure that your premises are registered with the Environment Agency and receive the unique 'Premises Code' and that this code is passed on to your waste contractor. Should you be unsure if you have or may exceed the annual exempt level then Saxon Recycling would advise you to register your premises to ensure you are on the right side of the regulation. As in the past this can be done directly with the Environment Agency or, with your authority, Saxon Recycling can do this on your behalf

Saxon Recycling will monitor the amount of hazardous waste we receive from each site and will notify customers when they are close to the 500 kilo threshold. **We must emphasise however that it is the producer's responsibility to monitor all hazardous waste they produce in consideration of the need to register the site with the Environment Agency.** If you require any further clarification with regard to your own circumstances contact us now.