

Waste legislation

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Finnish waste legislation covers all wastes except certain special types of waste such as radioactive wastes, which are covered by separate laws.

Finnish waste legislation is largely based on EU legislation, but in some cases includes stricter standards and limits than those applied in the EU as a whole. Finland also has legislation on some issues related to wastes that have not yet been covered by EU legislation.

The negative environmental impacts of wastes are also addressed in legislation on environmental protection:

[Environmental Protection Act \(86/2000\)](#) - Unofficial translation of the original Act, PDF format in Finlex, Data Bank of Finnish Legislation

[Environmental Protection Decree \(168/200\)](#) - Unofficial translation, PDF format in Finlex, Data Bank of Finnish Legislation

Taxes and fees payable in relation to wastes are generally included in legislation on taxation, although some fees are included in waste legislation. Other statutes covering specific economic activities also include certain controls related to wastes.

The regulations below are unofficial translations, which are available in PDF format in FINLEX, the Data Bank of Finnish Legislation. Please note that regulations without a link are available only in Finnish and Swedish.

General waste legislation

[Waste Act \(1072/1993\)](#)

[Waste Decree \(1390/1993\)](#)

[Ministry of the Environment Decree on the list of the most common wastes and of hazardous wastes \(1129/2001\)](#)

[Council of State Decision on information to be provided on hazardous waste and on the packing and labelling of hazardous waste \(659/1996\)](#)

Waste treatment and recovery

Government Decree on waste incineration (362/2003)

Government Decision on landfill sites (861/1997)

Legislation on specific waste types, products and activities

Government Decree on end-of-life vehicles (581/2004)

Government Decree on subsidies for the processing of end-of-life vehicles (582/2004)

Government Decree controlling the use of certain hazardous substances in vehicles (572/2003)

[Government Decree on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment \(852/2004\)](#)

Government Decree controlling the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (853/2004)

[Government Decision on restricting the use of PCBs and PCTs \(1071/1989\)](#)

Government Decision on the prohibition of PCBs and equipment containing PCBs, and the processing of wastes containing PCBs (711/1998)

Government Decision on ozone-depleting substances (262/1998)
Council of State Decision on batteries and accumulators containing certain dangerous substances (105/1995)
Government Decision on amalgam-containing wastewater and waste resulting from dental care (112/1997)
Government Decision on the management of oily wastes (101/1997)
Government Decision on the use of sewage sludge in agriculture (282/1994)
Government Decision on the recovery and disposal of discarded tyres (1246/1995)
Government Decision on construction waste (295/1997)
Government Decision on the collection and recovery of waste paper (883/1998)
Government Decision on packaging and packaging waste (962/1997)
Ministry of the Environment Decision on derogations from limitations of heavy metal concentration levels in packaging (273/2000). In force 1.4.2000-10.2.2009.

Waste shipments

International shipments of wastes to and from Finland are covered by EC Regulation No. 1013/2006 on shipments of waste, which is enforced in all EU and European Economic Area member states. This regulation sets out detailed controls over the import, export and trans-shipment of wastes, as well as conditions for the related permits.

Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on shipments of waste (EUR-Lex)

The controls set out in this European regulation have been supplemented in Finland by a Government Decision on the part of the National Waste Plan concerning transfrontier waste shipments (495/1998), which sets out the conditions under which the Finnish Environment Institute, as the competent authority, may approve international waste shipments to, from, or through Finland.

Government Decision on the part of the National Waste Plan concerning transfrontier waste shipments (495/1998)

Other legislation

Waste Oil Charge Act (894/1986)

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