

Waste Management Department

Technical Guidelines No 3. Waste Trading

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List of Abbreviations

DED – Department of Economic Development
NOC – No Objection Certificate
TSSS – Technical Support and Studies Section
WMD - Waste Management Department

1. INTRODUCTION

Industrial and manufacturing establishments operating in the Emirate of Dubai produce significant amount of wastes from their various activities. Some of these wastes can be traded to commercial and industrial firms which can be reused, recycled and/or reprocessed into a new product or for any beneficial purposes. These trading activities include waste plastic, waste paper, scrap and metal waste, and fish and meat waste and used tires which were categorized by Department of Economic Development.

Waste trading category includes purchasing, wholesaling and retailing of used goods in a form of scrap or waste to commercial and industrial firms, craftsmen, various bodies and enterprises, and to the public for personal and domestic consumption. The sale is carried out before the execution of any converting manufacture on such goods/wastes.

This category also includes the mediation activities in buying and selling wastes and also involved import, re-export, purchase, sale, distribution, whether through trade agency or exclusive distribution agreement.

For fish and meat waste trading, this includes reselling of fish crust and intestines, slaughtered animals and bird blood, intestines and non-edible parts to be used commercially or industrially.

2. LEGISLATION

Local Order No. 11 of 2003, concerning public health and community safety in the Emirate of Dubai, as stipulated in the following Articles states that:

Article (63) - A person can be allowed to carry on the activity of collecting, storing, transporting, reuse, recycling or treatment of wastes produced by others only upon obtaining a valid permit issued by the Competent Department and complies with all the standards and conditions specified by the Competent Department for such activity.

Article (65) - As determined by the Competent Department, any person whose activity is found producing significant quantity of wastes shall be required to implement a program to reduce the quantity of or to recycle such wastes.

3. SCOPE

This technical guideline covers the following activities:

- a) Waste Plastic Trading (DED Trade Activity No. 5149-21).
- b) Waste Paper Trading (DED Trade Activity No. 5149-31).
- c) Scrap and Metal Waste Trading (DED Trade Activity No. 5149-32).
- d) Fish and Meat Waste Trading (DED Trade Activity No. 5149-38).
- e) Used Tires Trading (5240-08).

4. OBJECTIVES

- a) To guide and ensure that all trading companies engaged in wastes/scrapes wholesaling and retailing activities operating in the Emirate of Dubai should be in accordance with this guideline.
- b) To reduce the volume of waste for disposal to landfill sites.

5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- a) All companies engaged in waste trading activities or planning to start in such activities shall apply for a prior permit from the Technical Support and Studies Section (TSSS), Waste Management Department (WMD) of Dubai Municipality.
- b) All waste trading companies applying for permit shall secure an approval from Dubai Department of Economic Development (DED) prior to operation.
- c) All trading companies must have a Dubai Office, a working contact number (mobile and landline and email address).
- d) All waste trading companies are required to secure Metal Waste Collecting Services and Non Metal Waste Collecting and Processing Waste License Activities. The said activities are considered prerequisite of Waste Trading Activities.

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- e) All vehicles used in transporting scrap materials shall be required to secure a Permit from Waste management Department. Vehicle that will be utilized in all Waste Trading Activity is required to comply with the rules of Technical Guidelines No.2 Waste Collection and Transportation. A new company maybe allowed to engage a third party transporter during the first year of operation provided that a formal contract is made. Any activity or accidents made the third party shall be the responsibility of the "hiring" company.
- f) Company may engage in importing, collecting and transporting **scrap/recyclable materials** from other Emirate in the UAE or other countries, provided that the local authority where the waste originated, will be transported to for processing or export approves the same. Import of scrap and recyclable materials from other countries are required to secure applicable NOC's from appropriate Ministries of UAE and Departments of Dubai Municipality whenever applicable.
- g) Company involved in the activities outlined in this Technical Guideline is strictly prohibited to import and export **waste** in the emirate of Dubai.
- h) Company engaged in the business of waste trading shall be required to submit in a monthly basis all details of the business activity, including source of material, type of material, weight of material and end use facility (including export of materials). In summary it is mandatory to maintain the following records;
1. Type of material traded
 2. Total quantity of the material traded per day
 3. Details of the Source of the waste material
 4. Destination of the waste material
- The Service Provider shall submit the same to the TSSS monthly and upon request in the prescribed formats including electronic formats, if any.
- i) Companies are not allowed to collect scrap from communal bins provided by Dubai Municipality or from bins of private companies.
- j) Installation of cages or bins for scrap collection purposes shall not be allowed except in circumstances wherein the company obtains an NOC from relevant Authorities including Waste Management Department and from the owner of the plot or land where the facility will be located.

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