



# Environmental Protection Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 43

### PART II

#### WASTE ON LAND

##### *Collection, disposal or treatment of controlled waste*

#### **<sup>F1</sup>44B National waste strategy: Scotland.**

- <sup>F2</sup>(1) SEPA shall as soon as possible prepare a statement (“the strategy”) containing its policies in relation to the recovery and disposal of waste in Scotland.
- (2) SEPA may from time to time modify the strategy.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of what may be included in the strategy, the strategy must include—
- (a) a statement of SEPA’s policies for attaining the objectives specified in Schedule 2A to this Act;
  - (b) provisions relating to each of the following, that is to say—
    - (i) the type, quantity and origin of waste to be recovered or disposed of;
    - (ii) general technical requirements; and
    - (iii) any special requirements for particular wastes.
- (4) In preparing the strategy or any modification of it SEPA shall consult—
- (a) such bodies or persons appearing to it to be representative of the interests of industry as it may consider appropriate;
  - (b) such local authorities as appear to it to be likely to be affected by the strategy or modification,
- and may consult such other bodies or persons as it considers appropriate.
- (5) Without prejudice to any power to give directions conferred by section 40 of the Environment Act 1995, the Secretary of State may give directions to SEPA—
- (a) as to the policies which are to be included in the strategy;

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- (b) requiring it to carry out a survey or investigation into—
  - (i) the kinds or quantities of waste which it appears to it is likely to be situated in Scotland,
  - (ii) the facilities which are or appear to it likely to be available or needed in Scotland for recovering or disposing of any such waste,
  - (iii) any other matter which the Secretary of State considers appropriate in connection with its preparation of the strategy or any modifications of it.
- (6) A direction under subsection (5)(b) above—
  - (a) shall specify or describe the matters or the areas which are to be the subject of the survey or investigation; and
  - (b) may make provision in relation to the manner in which—
    - (i) the survey or investigation is to be carried out, or
    - (ii) the findings are to be reported or made available to other persons.
- (7) Where a direction is given under subsection (5)(b) above SEPA shall, in accordance with any requirement of the direction—
  - (a) before carrying out the survey or investigation, consult—
    - (i) such bodies or persons appearing to it to be representative of planning authorities, and
    - (ii) such bodies or persons appearing to it to be representative of the interests of industry,
 as it may consider appropriate; and
  - (b) make its findings available to those authorities.
- (8) In this section—
  - “planning authority” means an authority within the meaning of section 172 of the <sup>M1</sup>Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973;
  - “strategy” includes the strategy as modified from time to time and
  - “statement” shall be construed accordingly.
- (9) This section makes provision for the purpose of implementing Article 7 of the <sup>M2</sup>directive of the Council of the <sup>F3</sup>[European Union] dated 15th July 1975 on waste, as amended by—
  - (a) the <sup>M3</sup>directive of that Council dated 18th March 1991 amending directive [75/442/EEC](#) on waste; and
  - (b) the <sup>M4</sup>directive of that Council dated 23rd December 1991 standardising and rationalising reports on the implementation of certain Directives relating to the environment.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 44A, 44B inserted (1.4.1996) by 1995, c. 25, s. 92(1) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); [S.I. 1996/186](#), [art. 3](#)
  - F2** S. 44B repealed (S.) (23.3.2007) by [The National Waste Management Plan for Scotland Regulations 2007 \(S.S.I. 2007/251\)](#), {reg. (8)(1)(a)}
  - F3** Words in Act substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), [arts. 2, 3, 4](#) (with [art. 3\(2\)\(3\)](#), [4\(2\)](#), [6\(4\)\(5\)](#))
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#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 44B applied (6.3.1997) by [S.I. 1997/648](#), [reg. 12\(3\)\(d\)\(e\)](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. IV para. 11\(b\)](#)

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1973 c. 65.

**M2** 91/692/EEC.

**M3** 91/156/EEC.

**M4** 75/442/EEC.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 30(4A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(2\)](#)
- s. 33ZB(10A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 69\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 34ZB(8A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 69\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 45A-45AZG substituted for s. 45A by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(4\)](#)
- s. 46(2)(a)(b) substituted for words by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(5\)](#)
- s. 106A inserted by [2023 c. 6 s. 41\(2\)](#)
- s. 161(2AA)(2AB) inserted by [2016 anaw 3 s. 69\(4\)](#)