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Ministry of the Environment, Finland

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GOVERNMENT DECISION
ON INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED ON HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ON THE PACKING
AND LABELLING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

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Section 1

Information to be provided on hazardous waste

When delivering hazardous waste in accordance with section 15, paragraph 1, of the Waste Act (1072/1993), an identification form containing the following information shall be drawn up for each movement of the waste:

- 1) the name and contact information of the holder of the hazardous waste, of the waste transporter and of the consignee;
- 2) the time when the hazardous waste will be transferred, and the packing and mode of transport;
- 3) the name and contact information of the producer of the hazardous waste, and the activity which generated the waste, and the location and municipality where it was produced or, if the waste in question has been generated by households or comparable activities, a general description of the waste producer;
- 4) name of the hazardous waste and its identification number as indicated by the list referred to in section 75, subparagraph 1, of the Waste Act, and the composition, physical state and amount of the waste;
- 5) the hazardous waste's primary properties in accordance with annex 4 of the Waste Decree (1390/1993);
- 6) the location where the hazardous waste will be recovered or disposed of and the method to be applied; and
- 7) a declaration by the holder of the hazardous waste that the information given is correct, with the holder's signature and the date.

The holder of the hazardous waste shall ensure that the identification form accompanies the waste during the movement and that it is handed over to the waste consignee at the end of the movement. The consignee shall certify reception of the waste and the amount by signing and dating the document. The holder and the consignee of the hazardous waste shall retain the identification form they have signed or a copy thereof for three years following the signing.

Duties regarding the drawing-up, handing over and keeping of the identification form do not apply to hazardous waste which has been generated by households or comparable activities and is delivered to a municipal or other reception facility, nor to transfrontier shipments of hazardous waste, for which separate provisions exist elsewhere concerning the identification form and procedures to be followed.

Section 2

Packing hazardous waste

In cases referred to in section 5 of the Waste Decree, hazardous waste shall be packed securely and, if necessary, so that it can be securely repacked in a packaging which withstands the stress and load of normal use and movement and of normal storage conditions. The materials of the packaging and the seal shall not react with the hazardous waste in a way which can cause hazard or harm to health or the environment.

Section 3

Labelling hazardous waste packaging

When hazardous waste has one of the properties H 1-8, 10, 11 or 14 listed in annex 4 of the Waste Decree, the substances causing the primary hazardous properties of the waste, the hazard symbols and their names shall be included on the packaging, as well as the standard phrases indicating risk and safety measures (R and S phrases) as provided or stipulated under the Chemicals Act (744/1989), in addition to the information required by section 6, paragraph 1, of the Waste Decree. If the composition or properties of the waste are not materially different from the substance which is the main source of the waste, and if the waste is stored in the original packaging of the said substance, the warning labels already on the packaging can be used, provided that they are supplemented by other information required under section 6, paragraph 1, of the Waste Decree.

If the composition of the hazardous waste cannot reasonably be clarified, the packaging shall include the labelling 'Myrkyllistä jätettä, koostumus tuntematon' (Toxic waste, composition unknown). In such a case, the warning label must contain the hazard symbols 'T' (toxic) and 'F' (readily flammable) and the R phrases 11—23/24/25 and S phrases 1—3/7/9—36/37/39.

Section 4

Exemptions to the duty to label hazardous waste packagings

The labels referred to in section 3 above need not be included on:

- 1) a hazardous waste packaging which includes warning labels under another labelling system, provided that these labels give the same information;

- 2) a hazardous waste packaging which is used solely for the movement of the waste, if the packaging has been labelled as required by the provisions and regulations issued concerning the transportation of dangerous substances; or
- 3) a hazardous waste packaging stored in a reception facility which is properly marked out from the point of view of safety.

Section 5

Entry into force

This decision comes into force on January 1, 1997.

Council Directive 91/689/EEC and Council Regulation (EEC) No 259/93