

(a) Such other applicable or related laws and regulations.

CHAPTER 3.—COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

Disposal of
waste in
unauthorized
places
prohibited.

12.—(1) No person shall dispose of any waste whether solid or liquid in an unauthorized place including street, bush, body of water, land, etc. except as approved by the Environmental Health Authority responsible for the area.

(2). Dead bodies shall be sanitarily disposed of or buried only in a place approved by the Environmental Health Authority in charge of the area.

13. No person shall litter waste of any description on any street, premises, drainage, water bodies or any public place.

Littering prohibited.

14. Waste sorting and segregation shall start at source of generation, and for this purpose, the colour code in Schedule III shall apply.

Waste Sorting and segregation.

15. No person or company shall engage in the business of waste collection or disposal without a Licence issued by the Council.

Illegal to engage in waste collection without a license.

16.—(1) Any person or company wishing to engage in commercial collection of waste shall apply to the Council for the correct class of licence.

Commercial waste collection.

(2) Such application shall be made on a format as shall be prescribed by the Council.

17. All wastes shall be conveyed only in approved vehicles or vessels and in the case of open vehicles; it shall be properly covered to guide against littering of streets and such other places.

Conveyance of wastes.

18.—(1) There shall be three classes of Waste Collection Licences A, B and C, as in schedule IV.

Classes of waste collectors licenses.

(2) Each class of licence shall allow the licensee to collect the type of waste specified for that class.

(3) The licence shall be renewable every three years.

19.—(1) Every prospective company wishing to be licensed as a waste collector shall have at least a member of its Management being a registered member of the Profession.

A member of the company to be a registered member of the profession.

(2) A principal officer of such a company shall be a person registered by the Council in line with section 10 of the Environmental Health Officers (Registration etc) Act.

20. Any company granted a licence under these regulations shall obtain an Operational Permit from the Environmental Health Authority of the area in which he intends to operate, and for this purpose pay a prescribed fee.

Operation permit.

21. All operational staff, equipment and materials of such a licensed company shall meet the minimum standard as shall be prescribed from time to time by the Council.

Minimum standards.

22. It shall be the responsibility of a licensed waste collector to ensure that waste are collected, transported and deposited at designated disposal sites or facilities approved by relevant authority in a sanitary manner.

Collection and disposing waste in a sanitary manner.

23.—(1) All vehicles or similar equipment used to collect and transport waste shall be registered during the process of licensing.

Registration of vehicles.

(2) All such vehicles shall be painted in the approved colour of such a company and labelled on both sides with the name, address and contact phone numbers of the licensee as well as the appropriate fleet number of such a vehicle as shown in schedule XIV of these regulations.

Waste to be disposed at the designated disposal facility.

24.—(1) There shall be three classes of Waste Disposal Licences, A, B and C.

(2) Each class shall allow the licensee to dispose a specific type of waste at the designated disposal facility as prescribed in Schedule V.

Obtaining appropriate waste disposal facility and license.

25.—(1) Any person or company wishing to dispose waste as a business shall own an appropriate waste disposal facility and shall apply for the correct class of waste disposal licence that corresponds with the facility owned.

(2) The license shall be renewable every three years.

Prospective company to have at least member of its management being a registered member of the profession.

26.—(1) Every prospective company wishing to be licensed as a Waste Disposal Company shall have at least a member of its Management being a registered member of the Profession.

(2) A principal officer of such a company shall be a person registered with the Council in line with Section 10 of the Environmental Health Officers (Registration etc) Act.

Obtaining operation permit.

27. Any Company granted license under these regulations shall obtain an Operational Permit from the Environmental Health Authority of the Local Government in which he intends to operate, and for this purpose pay a prescribed fee. Such operational permit shall be renewable every three years.

Operational staff and equipments to meet minimum standard.

28. All operational staff, equipment and materials of such a company shall meet the minimum standard as may be prescribed from time to time by the Council.

Waste collection services.

29. It shall be the responsibility of all occupiers of any premises to pay a fee prescribed by the Environmental Health Authority of the area for waste collection services rendered to him by the licensed waste collector.

Collection of fees.

30. The Waste collector shall be responsible for the collection of fees for services rendered to his clients.

Environmental Health Authority to prosecute defaulters.

31. Without prejudice to the provisions of section 32 of these regulations where a client defaults in regular payment for services rendered, the Environmental Health Authority shall prosecute such defaulting client and on conviction, such client shall in addition to the settlement of outstanding debt, pay seventy per cent of the outstanding fee as fine without prejudice to any other provision of these regulations.

32. It shall be the duty of the Occupier or Owner to provide an approved sanitary dustbin within the premises.

Occupier/
Owner to
provide waste
bin.

33. The Environmental Health Authority shall ensure safe disposal of all solid wastes in an approved disposal facility.

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shall ensure
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wastes.

34. All licensed waste collectors shall be responsible for the final disposal of waste collected. In case the waste has been handed over to a waste disposal facility, such facility management shall be responsible for final disposal. The waste collector shall in this case pay a fee to the waste disposal facility management.

Final disposal
of wastes.

35. No person or company shall collect for disposal and transporting solid waste without a Waste Collection Licence issued by the Council

License for
collection
and disposal
of solid
waste.

36.—(1) There shall be established in every State of the Federation a Waste Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) which shall advise on and carry out advocacy support functions on Environmental Health Services (EHS) and in particular, waste management. The composition of this committee shall be as in schedule VI.

Establishment
of waste
management
advisory
committee.

(2) All Environmental Health Service providers granted permit to operate in any state shall contribute not less than two per cent of their annual after tax profit to an Environmental Health Trust Fund (EHTF) to be established and managed by the Waste Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) for the state. These funds shall be dedicated to public enlightenment on Environmental Health Issues of concern in the state.

(3) Failure to contribute into the Environmental Health Trust Fund (EHTF) as stated in sub section (2) above, shall attract a penalty of 100% of what should have been contributed.

(4) The state and Local Government Areas (LGAs) may contribute an equivalent amount in this regard to support the activities of Waste Management Advisory Committee (WMAC).

SCHEDULE IV

CLASSES OF WASTE COLLECTION LICENSE

CLASS OF LICENSE

WASTE COVERED

A

Toxic industrial waste and effluents, Health care waste and other dangerous and hazardous substances.

B

Sludge from water treatment plants, grease interceptors, water-seal latrines, sewage treatment plants, septic tanks or other types of sewage systems. Waste from sanitary conveniences in ships and aircraft.

C

Food and other putrecescent waste from domestic, trade and industrial premises, markets and food centres, construction debris, tree trunks, discarded furniture, appliances, wooden crates, and other bulky items destined for disposal.