



### EPA Industrial Waste Transport Laws

Tracking the movement of prescribed industrial waste is very important, as industrial waste has been known to be disposed of incorrectly in the past. For this reason the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has created a tracking system which ensures that all parties associated with the waste are accountable for its disposal.

There are two ways that prescribed industrial waste can be tracked in Victoria. The producer of the waste can either fill out an EPA waste transport certificate for each load of waste or they can sign one certificate which allows accredited agents to collect multiple loads from the waste producer.

### Waste Transport Certificates

Waste transport certificates are required under the *Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009* to track the movement of prescribed industrial waste in Victoria.

It is the responsibility of the producer, transporter and receiver to ensure that an accurately completed waste transport certificate accompanies each load of prescribed industrial waste. A waste transport certificate has three sections that must be completed accurately and in full by the appropriate parties. It is the responsibility of the waste producer to fill out Part A of the certificate.

There are two ways that businesses can complete waste transport certificates; via an online lodgement system called *WasteCert* or by using paper-based certificates.

It is important to note that it is the responsibility of the waste producer or accredited agent to purchase electronic waste certificates from EPA. They cost 50 cents each and are sold in multiples of 10.

Waste transport certificates must be kept on file with the responsible person for at least 24 months.

### Appointment of an Accredited Agent

The alternative to filling out waste transport certificates for each load of waste is to appoint an accredited agent. An accredited agent can act on behalf of the waste producer and complete Part 'A' of a waste transport certificate for the load of waste they transport off site. In order for an accredited agent to gain this right the waste producer must fill out an EPA Victoria 'Appointment of an Accredited Agent' form. This form authorises the accredited agent to complete Part A of waste transport certificates in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009.

The waste producer should receive a copy of this appointment form and keep this on file.

It is important to note that an accredited agent may only be appointed to manage waste categories if they hold an EPA permit to act as an accredited agent.

For a list of accredited agents visit the EPA Victoria website.

### Note

You should also keep on file the receipts that you receive from the waste transporters.

### Important Links

- EPA Industrial Waste Resource Guideline *Waste Transport Certificates* found at <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/industrial-waste-guidelines.asp> under 8.2 *Transport Certificates*.
- To purchase Waste Transport Certificates contact the EPA – go to [www.epa.vic.gov.au](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au) and see 'Contact details'.
- EPA Industrial Waste Resource Guideline *Accredited Agent Listing* found at <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/industrial-waste-guidelines.asp> under 8.1 *Permits*. (This document lists accredited agents within Victoria).
- To find an accredited agent for prescribed industrial waste go to the PIW database at <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/iwdb/default.asp>.

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### Further Information



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