

WASTE CARRIER AND BROKER REGISTRATIONS

1. Background

- 1.1 On Christmas Eve 2020, SEPA confirmed we were responding to a significant cyber-attack affecting our contact centre, internal systems, processes and communications. We are working to two clear external priorities; protecting Scotland's environment and providing priority services to individuals and businesses across Scotland.

Having regard to our statement on our [Approach to the Delivery of Services until 30th June 2021](#) and our [Principles for Regulatory Approach to EU Exit and COVID-19](#), we have adopted this temporary regulatory position on waste carrier and broker registrations.

- 1.2 This temporary regulatory position statement will be published on [SEPA's Regulatory Approach hub](#) on our website.

2. SEPA position

- 2.1 Our online application service for new and renewal of waste carriers or brokers registrations is currently unavailable. We are working to rectify this.

New Applications

- 2.2 We've established a system to allow carriers and brokers of controlled waste to register with us. For businesses wanting to register for the first time, you can [use our online service](#).

Renewals

- 2.3 It is an offence to transport waste to or from any place in Great Britain or act as a broker if you are not registered. However, while we are not currently able to receive or determine applications to renew existing registrations SEPA has adopted the following regulatory position:
- 2.4 If your registration is due to expire in the period between 24 December 2020 and 31 May 2021 SEPA will treat it as extended until 30 June 2021. We'll provide updated information on how to submit a renewal application when this is available.

3. Conditions that apply

General conditions

- 3.1 This position statement applies only in Scotland.
- 3.2 Businesses based in England and Wales must continue to hold a valid waste carrier or broker registration to operate in Scotland. Application services in England and Wales are operating normally.
- 3.3 Carriers and Brokers operating under this temporary regulatory position statement must continue to comply with the Duty of Care for Waste.
- 3.4 The terms of this temporary regulatory position statement may be subject to periodical review and may be varied or withdrawn at any time.

3.5 SEPA reserves its discretion to depart from this temporary regulatory position statement and to take appropriate action as necessary.