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Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family.

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

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Normally, if you receive or dispose of hazardous waste, you must send quarterly consignee returns under the Hazardous

Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 (SI 2005/894 as amended, the Regulations).

Regulations 53 and 54 respectively require you to send separate quarterly consignee returns to the:

- Environment Agency
- waste producer or holder

The next submission deadline is 30 April 2020.

If you follow the conditions in this COVID-19 regulatory position statement (RPS), you can delay making your consignee returns.

When this COVID-19 RPS applies

This COVID-19 RPS only applies to hazardous waste consignees who cannot comply with the quarterly return deadline of 30 April 2020 due to coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

This COVID-19 RPS does not apply to any other activity, even if it is under the same legislation. You still need to consign hazardous waste, and you may still need other permits, licences and registrations for other activities you carry out.

Conditions you must comply with

You must send your quarterly consignee returns, due on 30 April 2020, to the Environment Agency and the waste producer or holder as soon as reasonably practical, and in any event by 31 July 2020.

You must fully document why you needed to use this COVIDRPS and could not make your consignee returns by 30 April 2020. You must keep these documents for 2 years after this COVID-19 RPS has expired, including any extensions to it. You must make them available to the Environment Agency on request.

Enforcement

A COVID-19 RPS means that the Environment Agency will not normally take enforcement action against you provided:

- your activity meets the description set out in this COVID-19RPS
- you comply with the conditions set out in this COVID-19RPS
- your activity does not, and is not likely to, cause environmental pollution or harm human health
- you have taken all reasonable steps to comply with the regulations

If you operate under this COVID-19 RPS, but think you may no longer be able to comply with its conditions, you must tell the Environment Agency immediately.

The Environment Agency will monitor how operators use and comply with this COVID-19RPS through its proportionate, risk-based inspection and monitoring activity.

When to check back

This COVID-19 RPS will expire on 31 July 2020 unless we extend it. After this date you must comply with the regulations in full.

Contact the Environment Agency

For more information email the Environment Agency's hazardous waste data team.

Email: hwreturnsteam@environment-agency.gov.uk

Please put this wording in the title of your email:

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