

Environment Protection Act 1970

Act No. 8056/1970

Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009

Industrial Waste – Classification for unprocessed used cooking fats and oils

Pursuant to regulation 11(1)(b) of the Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009, the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) hereby classifies the industrial waste specified in this classification as non-prescribed industrial waste.

1. **Classification number**
2015/206

2. **Waste to which this classification applies**

2.1 The classification applies to unprocessed used cooking fats and oils (subject to the limitations in Part 3 of this classification) when managed in accordance with Part 5.

2.2 Unprocessed used cooking fats and oils means the waste oil from the cooking of food. The unprocessed used cooking fats and oils may be vegetable oil, animal fat or a blend of both.

3. **Limitations of this classification**

3.1 This classification is limited to unprocessed used cooking fats and oils that are received, temporarily stored, transported or handled, for the purpose of reuse, recycling or biofuel production.

3.2 This classification does not apply to unprocessed used cooking fats and oils for composting or application to land nor to waste residues produced during processing activities outlined in 3.1.

3.3 This classification does not apply to grease interceptor trap effluent.

4. **To whom this classification applies**

4.1 This classification applies to:

4.1.1 Any person who is an occupier of premises from which the unprocessed used cooking fats and oils are produced (**Waste Producer**);

4.1.2 Any person who transports unprocessed used cooking fats and oils on behalf of the waste producer or waste receiver (**Waste Transporter**);

4.1.3 Any occupier of premises in which unprocessed used cooking fats and oils:

(a) are temporarily stored (**Consolidation Premises**); or

(b) are finally stored or processed for reuse (**Receiving Premises**).

Note: occupier has the same meaning as in the Environment Protection Act 1970.

5. **Management options**

5.1 Unprocessed used cooking fats and oils must be loaded, unloaded, handled and stored in a manner that does not cause any risk to land, surface water or groundwater. For further information, refer to EPA Bunding Guidelines (EPA Publication 347).

5.2 Waste transporters, consolidation and receiving premises must ensure there is no contamination that would make used cooking fats and oils unsuitable for a use included in clause 3.1. To prevent contamination refer to the relevant industry standard: *Australian Renderers Association (ARA) National Standard for Recycling of Used Cooking Fats and Oils Intended for Animal Feeds 2008*.

5.3 Unprocessed used cooking fats and oils intended for animal feed must meet the requirements of the ruminant feed ban. Refer to *ARA National Standard for Recycling of Used Cooking Fats and Oils Intended for Animal Feeds 2008* as required by the Specifications under Regulation 11 of the *Agriculture and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) (Ruminant Feed) Regulations 2005*

5.4 If unprocessed used cooking fats and oils are stored at a consolidation premises, it must be transported to the receiving facility within 90 days from when the first load was received at the Consolidation premises.

5.5 Unprocessed used cooking fats and oils must be transported in a vehicle that is safe, secure and leak-free.

5.6 Waste transporters, consolidation premises and receiving premises must keep records of the:

5.6.1 date and quantity of unprocessed used cooking fats and oils transported and received; and

5.6.2 name and address of the waste producer; and

5.6.3 registration number of the waste transporter's vehicle.

This information must be retained for a minimum of two years and must be made available to the EPA upon request.

- 5.7 Waste transporters, consolidation and receiving premises must develop and implement a Spill Management Plan (SMP) to avoid and safely manage spills. The Spill Management Plan must be able to be produced upon request of EPA.
- 5.8 The EPA must be notified immediately of any incident or spill of wastes likely to have offsite impact on 1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC).
- 5.9 A copy of this Classification must be:
 - 5.9.1 carried in any vehicle transporting unprocessed used cooking fats and oils according to this classification; and
 - 5.9.2 kept at every consolidation premises and receiving premises.

6. Notes

This classification may be amended or revoked by the EPA by way of written notice in the Victoria Government Gazette. Current classifications can also be found on EPA's website at epa.vic.gov.au.