

Requirements and Procedure for Collection, Return to Producers and Recovery or Disposal of Waste Tyres

Government of the Republic Regulation No. 80 of 17 June 2010

This Regulation is established on the basis of subsection 26 (8) of the Waste Act.

§ 1. Scope of application

(1) This Regulation applies to waste generated from tyres specified in clause 25 (3) 5) of the Waste Act (hereinafter end-of-life tyres).

(2) This Regulation does not apply to end-of-life tyres attached to end-of-life-vehicles upon the transfer of end-of-life-vehicles specified in subsection 1 (1) of Government of the Republic Regulation No 79 of 17 June 2010 “Requirements, Procedure and Targets for Collection, Return to Producers and Recovery or Disposal of Waste Generated from Motor Vehicles and Parts of Motor Vehicles, and Time Limits for Reaching Targets“.

§ 2. User of tyres

The user of tyres means a natural or legal person who uses tyres.

§ 3. Information for users of tyres

(1) A producer shall ensure that the users of tyres are provided, through the points of sale of distributors not later than by 1 September 2010, with information on the fact that end-of-life tyres can be returned free of charge at the collection points of end-of-life tyres (locations and telephone numbers where the relevant information can be obtained).

(2) Information concerning the points for returning the tyres shall be displayed in a visible place at the sales points in a sufficient font size and at least in the format A4.

(3) A producer shall organise national information campaigns at least once a year through media channels, national newspapers, magazines or other similar channels available to the public and provide the users of tyres at least with the following information:

- 1) the prohibition to dispose of end-of-life tyres as unsorted municipal waste;
- 2) the possibilities for returning end-of-life tyres.
- (4) Producers may organise common information campaigns.
- (5) The producers who place solid tyres or tyres of mine dumpers on the market need not organise information campaigns.

§ 4. Requirements for collection, transport and return to producers of end-of-life tyres

- (1) Users of tyres shall collect end-of-life tyres separately from other waste.
- (2) Upon transportation of end-of-life tyres to a collection point, mixing and pollution of the tyres with other waste which would prevent later reuse of end-of-life tyres or recovery of materials or would constitute danger to the environment shall be prevented.
- (3) A producer shall build collection points of end-of-life tyres in every Estonian county taking into account the population density and the fact that transfer of end-of-life tyres should be as comfortable as possible for users. A producer shall build collection points of end-of-life vehicles at least in every Estonian city, town and small town with more than 1500 inhabitants.
- (4) The producers who place solid tyres or tyres of mine dumpers or tyres only together with motor vehicles on the market need not build collection points specified in subsection (3) but they must ensure the collection of end-of-life tyres in any other manner (e.g. by collection through sales points).

§ 5. Taking back end-of-life tyres

A producer is required to take end-of-life tyres back free of charge in a limitless amount:

- 1) from users of tyres;
- 2) motor vehicle and tyre services, excluding services which are engaged in the treatment of end-of-life-vehicles;
- 3) local governments;
- 4) waste handlers who manage a waste station of a local government on the basis of a contract.

§ 6. Recovery of end-of-life tyres

- (1) Upon the recovery of end-of-life tyres, the tyres which can be retreaded or reused shall be sorted out.
- (2) In the case of handling of end-of-life tyres which are permitted to be deposited in landfills on the basis of subsection 35¹ (2) of the Waste Act recovery thereof shall be preferred if a suitable technology exists.

§ 7. Disposal of end-of-life tyres

Non-recoverable waste generated from tyres shall be disposed of pursuant to the Waste Act.

§ 8. Implementation of Regulation

Producers shall bring the locations of collection points into compliance with the provisions of subsection 4 (3) not later than within ten months as of the entry into force of this Regulation.