Waste Management and Resource Recovery (Registration of Recycler and Exporter of Waste) Regulations 2026

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THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 50 of the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2023

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Waste Management and Resource Recovery (Registration of Recycler and Exporter of Waste) Regulations 2026**.

2. In these regulations

"Act" means Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2023;

"registered exporter" means a person who is registered as such under these regulations to offer his services for the export of waste;

"registered recycler" means a person who is registered as such under these regulations to offer his services for the dismantling or recycling of waste, or both;

"residual waste" means waste that is

(a) not suitable for recycling; and

(b) meant for disposal;

"waste" means any waste listed in the First Schedule.

3. No person shall export, dismantle or recycle waste unless he holds a certificate of registration.

4. (1) A person applying for registration as a recycler or an exporter of waste shall make an application to the Minister in the form set out in the Second or Third Schedule, respectively.

(2) An application under paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by such documents as specified in the Second or Third Schedule, respectively.

(3) An application under paragraph (1) shall -

(a) in respect of the facility that is intended to be used for the purpose of storing, dismantling or recycling, be accompanied by such documentary evidence as may be required; and

(b) set out the manner in which the waste shall be stored, dismantled or recycled.

(4) On receipt of an application made under paragraph (1), the Minister may -

(a) cause an inspection to be carried out at the facility which the applicant intends to use for the storage, dismantling and recycling of waste; and

(b) require the applicant to provide such additional information as may be required.

5. (1) The Minister may approve or refuse an application made under regulation 4.

(2) Where the Minister approves an application, he shall, on payment of the fee specified in the Fourth Schedule, issue a certificate of registration in the form set out in the Fifth Schedule.

(3) (a) Where the Minister refuses an application, he shall, not later than 14 days of his decision, inform the applicant accordingly.

(4) The certificate of registration issued under paragraph (2) shall -

(a) be subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister may determine;

(b) specify the purpose for which it is issued; and

(c) not be transferrable.

(5) (a) A certificate of registration shall be valid for a period of 3 years and may be renewed for further periods of 3 years.

(b) (i) Any registered recycler or registered exporter who intends to renew his certificate of registration shall make an application to the Minister at least one month before the expiry of his certificate of registration.

(ii) Any registered recycler or registered exporter may renew his certificate of registration on payment of the fee specified in the Fourth Schedule.

(c) Any person who makes an application for the renewal of his certificate after the expiry of his certificate of registration shall together with the renewal fee, be liable to a surcharge of 35 per cent.

(6) (a) Where a certificate of registration is lost, destroyed, or defaced, the registered recycler or registered exporter shall make an application to the Minister for the issue of a duplicate certificate of registration.

(b) The Ministry shall, on being satisfied *that* the registration book has been lost, destroyed, accidentally defaced, issue a duplicate certificate of registration.

6. (1) Where a registered recycler or registered exporter -

(a) has furnished false information at the time of submitting his application for registration;

(b) has furnished false information subsequent to his application for registration;

(c) no longer satisfies the conditions for registration;

(d) has been convicted of an offence under the Act or these regulations;

(e) breached or not complied with any terms and conditions attached to the certificate of registration;

(f) has ceased to exist; or

(g) has engaged into the operation of its business in such a manner that would be detrimental to the public interests,

the Minister may cancel the registration.

(2) Before cancelling any certificate of registration, the registered recycler or registered exporter shall be served a notice by registered post, requiring him to show cause, within 21 days from the date of the notice, why his registration should not be cancelled:

(3) The Minister may, on being satisfied that it is expedient and in the public interest to do so, cancel the registration of a registered recycler or exporter.

7. Every registered recycler or registered exporter shall display a copy of the certificate of registration in a conspicuous place at the premises of the facility.

8. Every registered recycler or registered exporter shall, not later than 2 months after the end of each year, submit a report to the supervising officer, in the form set out in the Sixth or Seventh Schedule respectively.

9. (1) Every registered recycler or registered exporter shall keep and maintain a register, in which shall be entered -

(a) the dates on which waste and the quantity of each type of waste are received;

(b) the name and contact details of the person from whom waste is received;

(c) the date on which the waste is dismantled or recycled or exported, as the case may be; and

(d) such other particulars as the Minister may, from time to time, determine.

(2) The register shall, at all times, be available for inspection by such officer as the Minister may designate.

(3) Every registered recycler or exporter shall keep the register for a period of at least *5* years.

10. A registered recycler or registered exporter shall, within 30 days, notify the supervising officer, in writing, of any -

(a) change in address of the business;

(b) change in ownership of the business;

(c) expansion of the business; or

(d) cessation of business.

11. The Ministry shall keep and maintain a register of registered recyclers and registered exporters in which shall be entered -

(a) the name, address and contact details of the registered recycler or registered exporter, as the case may be;

(b) the address of the facility from where the registered recycler or registered exporter operates and the type of transaction for which he is registered; and

(c) such other particulars as the supervising officer may determine.

12. (1) The supervising officer or any officer delegated by him may, make on-site inspections of any facility used as main office, sub-office and storage, for dismantling and recycling of waste.

(2) Every registered recycler or registered exporter shall allow access or cause access to be provided for the purpose of paragraph (1).

13. No public body shall enter into a contract for the recycling, exporting and dismantling of waste with a recycler or exporter unless the recycler or exporter is registered under these regulations.

14. A public body shall, for the purpose of procuring the services of a recycler or exporter, require any registered recycler or registered exporter who submits his bid to submit a copy of his certificate of registration.

15. Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 25,000 rupees.

16. The Local Government (Registration of Recycler and Exporter) Regulations 2013 are revoked.

17. A certificate of registration issued under the Local Government (Registration of Recycler and Exporter) Regulations 2013 which is still valid and in force on the coming into operation of these regulations, shall

(a) be deemed to have been issued under these regulations; and

(b) remain valid for a period of 90 days as from the date of coming into operation of these regulations.

18. These regulations shall come into operation on 20 July 2026.

Made by the Minister on 1 July 2026.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 2]

WASTE STREAMS

PART I - SOLID WASTE

1. Carton

2. Construction and demolition waste

3. Glass

4. Biowaste (food/green waste)

5. Paper

6. Plastic

7. Textile waste

8. Used tyres

9. Wood waste

PART II - HAZARDOUS WASTE (for exporters only)

I. Electric and electronic-waste (e-waste)

2. Fluorescent lamps and lamps containing Mercury

3. Photographic and printing waste

4. Waste photovoltaic panels

5. Used batteries

6. Waste oil

SECOND SCHEDULE

[Regulation 4(1) and (2)]

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION/RENEWAL*

OF REGISTRATION AS RECYCLER

Name of applicant ……

Address

Residential …….. Office.....

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Telephone no.

Residence..... Office .....

Mobile no. ..... Fax no.....

Email address .....

Details of activities**

Collection ☐ Transportation ☐

Dismantling ☐ Recycling ☐

Others (please specify) …….....

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Waste streams and estimated quantities to be dismantled and/or recycled annually

SN	Waste streams	Estimated quantity of wastes	
		To be dismantled (Tonnes/M^3 per year)	To be recycled (Tonnes/M^3 per year)

Please provide details on the dismantling and/or recycling process of wastes at your facility

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Personnel employed

SN	Occupation	Number	Years of employment with the Company
1.	Manager		
2.	Supervisor/Foreman		
3.	Technical staff		
4.	Skilled labour (e.g Mechanics,Welder)		
5.	Unskilled labour		
6.	Others		

Documents accompanying an application

The following documents should be submitted together with an application for registration -

(a) copy of approval of PER for recycling plants;

(b) location plan, area of workshop/warehouse and type of infrastructure;

(c) Business Registration Card;

(d) copy of constitution of the company/certificate of incorporation, list of shareholders, list of directors (where applicable);

(e) copies of registration book of vehicles owned/proposed to deploy (if any);

(f) fire certificate; and

(g) Building and Land Use Permit

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Name Designation

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Signature Date

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Office stamp

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THIRD SCHEDULE

[Regulation 4(1) and (2)]

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION/RENEWAL*
OF REGISTRATION AS EXPORTER

Name of applicant .....

Address

Residential..... Office.....

Telephone no.

Residence Office

Mobile no. ..... Fax no. .....

Email address .....

Details of activities **

Collection ☐ Transportation ☐

Dismantling ☐

Others (please specify)

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Waste streams and estimated quantities to be exported annually for recycling

SN	Waste streams	Estimated quantity of wastes to be exported for recycling (Tonnes/M^3 per year)

Please provide details pre-processing of wastes at your facility prior to exportation

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Personnel employed

SN	Occupation	Number	Years of employment with the company
1.	Manager		
2.	Supervisor/Foreman		
3.	Technical staff		
4.	Skilled labour (e.g Mechanics, Welder)		
5.	Unskilled labour		
6.	Others		

Documents accompanying an application

The following documents should be submitted together with an application for registration -

(a) copy of constitution of the company/certificate of incorporation, list of shareholders, list of directors (where applicable);

(b) copy of approval of PER for recycling plants (if relevant);

(c) location plan, area of workshop/warehouse and type of infrastructure;

(d) Business Registration Card;

(e) copies of Registration Book of vehicles owned/proposed to deploy (if any);

(f) fire certificate;

(g) Building and Land Use Permit;

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Name Designation

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Signature Date

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Office stamp

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FOURTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation *5(2)* and *(5)(b)(ii)]*

FEES

SN		(Rs)
1.	Registration as recycler	10,000
2.	Registration as exporter	$10_5$000
3.	Renewal fee for registration as recycler	$10_5$000
4.	Renewal fee for registration as exporter	10,000

FIFTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 5(2)]

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

Mr/M_{rs}* …… (name of person/company) of ……..(address), is hereby registered as …….....

Date of issue of certificate ……..

The certificate shall remain valid for the period starting on ……and ending on ……..

The registration shall be subject to the following conditions -

CONDITIONS

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Name Date

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Signature Office stamp

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SIXTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 8]

ANNUAL **RECYCLING REPORT (YEAR .....**)

Name of recycler …….

Address

Residential ……. Office …….

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Telephone no.

Residence …….. Office …….

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Mobile no. …… Fax no. ……

Email address .....

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Waste streams and quantities received, dismantled recycled and delivered off-site for further recycling*

SN	Waste streams	Total quantities (tonnes or M^3/year) *(Please specify)*				Off-Site recycling facility destination (name, location)
		Received	Dismantled	Recycled	Delivered off-site f further recycling	
Total						

Waste streams and estimated quantities of residual waste disposed of

SN	Description of residual waste	Total quantities (tonnes or M^3/year) *(Please specify)*	Disposal facility destination (name, location)
Total			

I certify that all information given above is true and I hereby consent to the publication and use of the above information submitted on any Government platform.

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Name Designation

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Signature Date

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Office Stamp

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SEVENTH SCHEDULE

[Regulation 8]

ANNUAL REPORT ON EXPORT OF WASTES FOR RECYCLING (YEAR .)

Name of exporter ……..

Address

Residential …….. Office ……

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Telephone no.

Residence ……. Office ……...

Mobile no. …….. Fax no. ……

Email address .....

Waste streams and Quantities Exported for Recycling

	Waste streams	**Total quantities (Tonnes or m^3/year)** *(Please specify)* -			**Off-site Recycling facility destination (name, location)**	**Export destination facility (name, location, country)**
		Received	Delivered off-site for recycling	Exported		
Total						

Types and quantities of residual waste disposed of

SN	**Description of residual waste**	**Total quantities (Tonnes/M per year)** *(Please specify)*	**Disposal facility destination (name, location)**
Total			

I certify that all information given above is true and I hereby consent to the publication and use of the above information submitted on any Government platform.

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Name Designation

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Signature Date

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