



This form will report compliance with your waste exemption as determined by an Environment Agency officer

Site Address	The Old Weigh Bridge House, Fry's Bottom Lane, Clutton, Bristol, BS39 5QN				Exemption Reference	WEX381044	
Operator/ Exemption holder	Stephen Willcox						
Number of registered activities at time of assessment	2	Date	04/04/2025	Time in	10:00	Out	11:15
Recipient's name/position	Site Owner						
Officer's name	Abbie Kearle						

Section 1 - Exemption Assessment

Key to abbreviations: N/A – Not Assessed, FIR – Further investigation required.
For exemption activity descriptions see Section 5 at end of document.

Exemption	Status	Compliance			Harm	Activity Result
		Limits	Waste	Conditions		
D7	In use and assessed	Yes	Yes	Yes	None	Compliant
U1	In use and assessed	No	Yes	No	Pollution risk – land	FIR

Section 2 – Inspection Notes and Critical Observations

Introduction/ Observations

An unannounced site visit carried out by an Environment Officer and Team Leader who met with the site owner.

The site was assessed against the U1 and D7 exemption registered to the site - WEX381044, expiry 05/09/2026.

U1 Exemption

The U1 exemption registered on the site is for the maintenance of tracks throughout the site. You mentioned that some of these tracks have been created and maintained to aid access of machinery in order to fell tree on site.

The quantities/ tonnages of waste that has been used to date on site is unclear.

Discussions were had on site and you are advised to review the conditions of the U1 exemption to ensure you are compliant with the tonnage limits of each waste type specified in the U1 exemption.
[U1 waste exemption: using waste in construction - GOV.UK](#).

You mentioned that waste is received from local builders and small companies. Some of the waste will be brought to site under a waste transfer note although it appears a large majority of the waste arrives on site with no paperwork.

The following link contains information on the duty of care requirements including for waste producers and carriers [Waste duty of care: code of practice \(accessible version\) - GOV.UK](#).

You must ensure that you are receiving and retaining all waste transfer notes which show waste

being received at your site. This will ensure that you also have the relevant tonnage information for us and for you to assess compliance with the tonnage limits stated in the U1 exemption. Waste transfer notes must be retained for at least 2 years.

D7 Exemption

You mentioned that you burn very little waste on site. During the site visit a small patch of land was seen where it appeared that burning of waste has been carried out. No evidence of any breach of this exemption was seen during the visit.

Non-Compliances

Skips containing mixed waste and soil were seen being stored on site (Photographs 1 and 2).

The U1 and D7 exemption registered does not permit this waste activity. There is no permit registered to the site and therefore this is considered to be an illegal waste activity.

On 08/04/2025 a video was sent to me which appears to show that some of these mixed waste skips have been removed from site.

Regulation Breached: Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016, Regulation 38(1)(a) EPR (referring back to Regulation 12(1)) – Cause or knowingly permit – operating a regulated facility, an installation or mobile plant and carrying on a waste operation except under and to the extent authorised by an environmental permit.

ACTIONS:

1. **Stop receiving and storing mixed waste skips on site.**
2. **Remove all waste from site which is not compliant with the U1 and D7 exemption registered to a suitably permitted facility and send evidence of this by way of waste transfer notes to abbie.kearle@environment-agency.gov.uk.**

Deadline: 11/04/2025.

There were a number of other skips seen around the site which you confirmed to be skips containing waste that had been produced on site from various activities being carried out by people renting area of land on your site and not part of any outside waste activities.

Enforcement Response

A Notice of Powers and Rights (71345) was issued on site due to the above regulation breached. In respect of the above non-compliance you have been issued with a warning. At present we do not intend to take further enforcement action. This does not preclude us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

Photograph 1



Photograph 2



Section 3 – Action

You must take immediate action to rectify any non-compliance and prevent repetition.

Non-compliance with the exemption conditions constitutes an offence and can result in criminal prosecutions and/or revocation of the exemption. The action required by you is summarised in this section.

Our enforcement action is also identified. This does not preclude us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

Activity	CICS Category	Action Required by the Operator	Due Date	Recommended Action	Registration Action
D7	Compliant	N/A		None	None
U1	Further investigation required	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stop receiving and storing mixed waste skips on site.2. Remove all waste from site which is not compliant with the U1 and D7 exemption registered to a suitably permitted facility and send evidence of this by way of waste transfer notes to abbie.kearle@environment-agency.gov.uk.3. Ensure waste transfer notes for all waste received on site is being completed and retained.	11/04/2025	Advice & guidance	None

Section 4 – Notes to the recipient

This compliance assessment report may highlight non-compliance with the waste exemption(s) registered, as observed by the Environment Agency officer.

This does not relieve you of your responsibility to comply with the limits and conditions set out in the exemption(s) registered and to prevent pollution of the environment. You are reminded that:

- You should comply with the conditions of the exemption at all times;
- You should comply with the objectives of Article 13 of the Waste Framework Directive at all times;
- Compliance with the exemption criteria and relevant objectives does not remove your obligation to comply with any other legislative provision which may apply.

The objectives of Article 13 are: The waste must be recovered or disposed of without endangering human health or causing harm to the environment and in particular without:-

- Risk to water, air, soil, plants or animals
- Causing nuisance through noise or odours
- Adversely affecting the countryside or places of special interest

Understanding the Common Incident Classification Scheme (CICS)

This scheme categorises incidents according to their environmental impact. The table below provides the four classifications and their impact on the environment. If you wish to discuss further any comments made by the officer on this form, contact your local area office or for more details of the CICS scheme, see the Environment Agency's website or contact your local office.

Non-compliance scores and categories

CICS category	Description
1	A non-compliance which could have a major environmental effect
2	A non-compliance which could have a significant environmental effect
3	A non-compliance which could have a minor environmental effect
4	A non-compliance which has no potential environmental effect

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- Investigating possible breaches of environmental law and taking any resulting action
- Preventing breaches of environmental law
- Assessing customer service satisfaction and improving its service
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations request.

The Environment Agency may pass it on to its agents/representatives to do these things on its behalf. You should ensure that any persons named on this form are informed of the contents of this data protection.

Advice and guidance

We will normally provide advice and guidance to assist you to come back into compliance. This is without prejudice to any enforcement response that we consider may be required.

Enforcement Action

Operating outside any of the conditions of an exemption means the activity is no longer an exempt facility. We may remove the exemption from the register. We may take enforcement action for the offence of operating without a permit. This may include:

- Warning: A warning is our minimum enforcement response and this may be escalated should further information come to light.
- Service of notice to remove waste.
- Formal caution/prosecution. Depending on the offence the penalties imposed by a Court can include substantial fines and even imprisonment.

We have published our Enforcement and sanctions statement and guidance, which seeks to achieve a consistent approach to enforcement across all our regulated activities.

Customer charter

What can I do if I disagree with this compliance assessment report?

If a permit holder disagrees with the CAR form, they should raise their concerns to the officer or team which issued the form. This must be done within 14 calendar days of receipt. If the response does not resolve the issue, a permit holder can request an appeal of the regulatory decision. This request must be made within 28 calendar days of receipt of the response. More details on our regulatory appeals process can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/appeal-a-regulatory-decision-from-the-environment-agency>.

If you are still dissatisfied, you can make a complaint to the Ombudsman. For advice on how to complain to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman phone their helpline on 0345 015 4033.

Section 5 - Key to Exemption Activity Codes

Code	Description
D7U1	Burning waste in the openUse of waste in construction; Use of waste in construction on a linear networks

[For more information on the exempt activities shown above follow this link](#)