

Applicable changes to waste codes and descriptions in RPS 241

This version of the guidance document does not introduce any technical changes from the previous version, only presentational updates and minor changes to the text for clarity.

RPS 241 – waste codes not otherwise specified

The Environment Agency’s Regulatory Position Statement 241 (RPS 241) which allows operators to accept waste with codes that are not in their waste authorisation or the Quality Protocols instead of the ‘not otherwise specified’ ‘99’ waste codes. It also allows operators to accept wastes with different codes and descriptions to those in the Quality Protocols.

This note provides guidance to BCS participants and appointed Certification Bodies on the applicable changes. Several permissible wastes listed in Appendix B of the ADQP have been re-coded. Providing operators comply with the conditions of RPS 241, including for the original waste code specified in the ADQP to be on the site permit, they can accept wastes with the codes below.

Replacement waste codes and descriptions

The changes to four ADQP permissible waste codes can be found in the table below.

Current ADQP waste code and description	Replacement waste code and description to be used for specific wastes (as in RPS 241)
02 05 01: Milk unsuitable for consumption or processing	16 10 02: milk from agricultural premises
02 04 99: Wastes from sugar processing – other biodegradable wastes	02 04 01: soils from washing and cleaning beet
	02 03 01: sludges from processing sugar
	02 04 03: sludges from processing sugar
	02 03 04: biodegradable wastes from processing sugar
02 07 99: Wastes from production of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (except tea, coffee and cocoa) – wastes not otherwise specified	02 07 05: sludges from producing alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, except coffee, tea and cocoa
16 10 02: Aqueous liquid wastes other than those mentioned in 16 10 01	16 10 02: untreated wash water from cleaning fruit and vegetables on farms
	16 10 02: sludges from washing and cleaning fruit and vegetables on farms

19 05 99: Wastes from the aerobic treatments of wastes – wastes not otherwise specified	16 10 02: liquor or leachate from a composting process that only accepts the waste input types allowed by the composting quality protocol
	16 10 02: digestate from an aerobic digestion process that only accepts the waste input types allowed by the anaerobic digestion quality protocol

Review of the RPS and the ADQP

The RPS applies until the relevant waste authorisations and Quality Protocols are amended or the RPS is withdrawn. The updated codes will be included in the new AD Resources Framework.