



# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL WI REGULATIONS, 2025

## Waste Management Licensing Workshop

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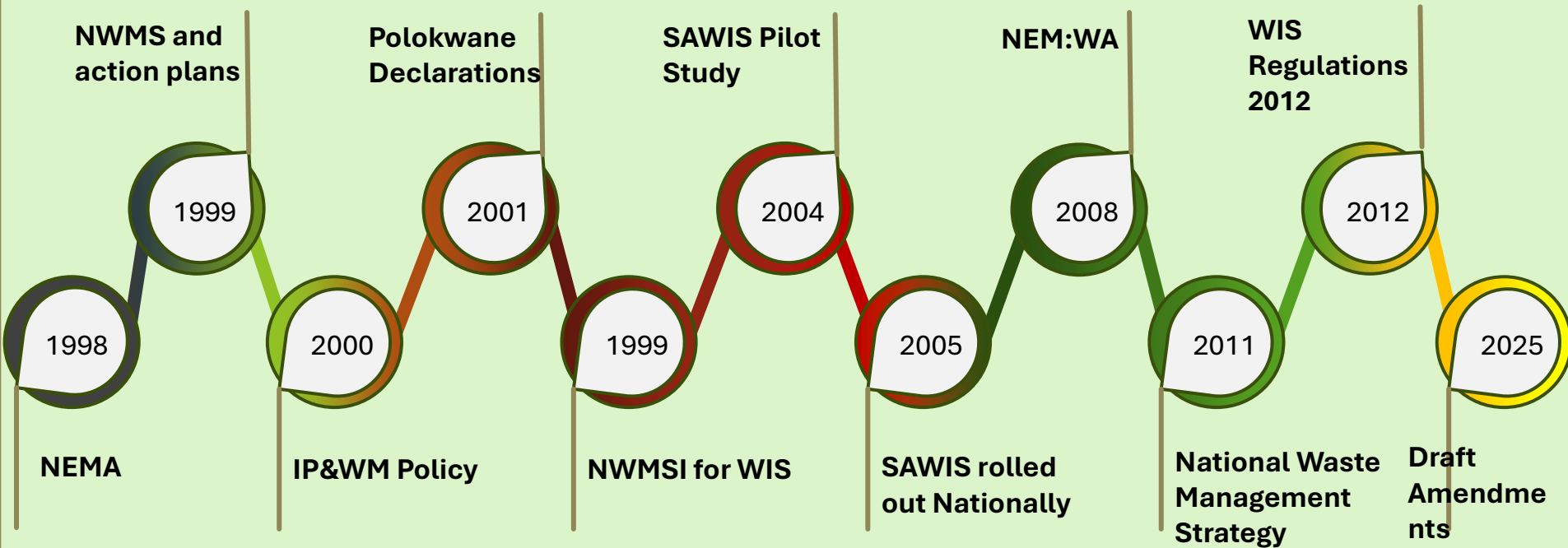
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## Proposed National Waste Information Amendment Regulations, 2025



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# BACKGROUND



- Developed in terms of section 69(1)(y), (aa) and (ee) of the NEMWA
- Waste Information Regulations were **published** in a Government Notice **GN625** of 13 August 2012
- Came into effect in **1 January 2013**
- The **implementation** of the Regulations is **administered** through the South African Waste Information System (**SAWIS**) and the provincial systems (**GWIS & IPWIS**) established in terms of S60 and S62 of the NEMWA, respectively.



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# PURPOSE OF THE NWIR



- The purpose of the National WIR is to **regulate the collection of data and information** to **fulfil the objectives** of the national waste information system as **set out in section 61** of the Waste Act.
- The NWIR were promulgated in terms of section 69(1)(y), (aa) and (ee) of the NEMWA



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# RATIONALE FOR AMENDMENTS



- The proposed amendments stem from practical implementation issues as recommended by a multi-stakeholder experiences.
- The intention is to tackle implementation hurdles, offer necessary clarity, review and update the Annexures 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- Give effect to S60(3) of the NEMWA
- The inclusion of the Waste transporters activity by incorporating an empowering provision as outlined in S69(1)(t) of NEMWA



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# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Provision	Amendment	Motivation for amendments
S69(1)y(aa) and (ee)	Inclusion of S69(1)(t) empowering provision for registering waste transporters activities.	
Reg 1	“transporter of waste for gain” means a person whose business involves transporting waste using a motorised vehicle or locomotive and who receives a direct income from transporting waste, excluding the transportation of waste by a municipality	<p>S60(3) empowers the Minister to implement the SAWIS incrementally.</p> <p>The DFFE and provinces are inundated with requests for the registration of waste transporters.</p> <p>GP &amp; WC already caters for this in their systems</p> <p>The focus is on the <i>transporters of waste for gain</i></p>
Reg 3	Insertion of provision to exclude mining residue stockpiles and residue deposits from registering with the SAWIS.	Removed by NEMLA amendments. However, waste generators and facility operators must ensure that only non-mining-related waste streams are registered with SAWIS.





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Reg 5(3)	Substitution of subregulation 3 regarding the registration of waste activities taking place at the same or different facilities	Clarify that Where a facility conducts more than one activity in different <u>or the same facility</u> , such activities must be registered individually.”.
Reg 6(1)	Insertion of para (c) and (d) regarding the validity period of the registration certificate and the withdrawal of a registration certificate	The insertion of a validity period will assist in filtering out dormant and non-active registered activities and improve compliance. It will also help reduce the need to issue PCNs and other compliance actions.
Reg 7	Cross-referencing. Reg 7 (5) refers to Reg 6 instead of Reg 5	Correcting the cross-referencing
Reg 8	Cross-referencing. Reg 8 (1) refers to Reg 6 instead of Reg 5	Correcting the cross-referencing
	Substitution of Reg 8 (3) to include waste transporters from an exemption to report waste data	Like hazardous waste generator activities, waste transporters will not be required to report waste data to the SAWIS to avoid double accounting of the same waste by other waste managers.



# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

## “ANNEXURE 3

### GENERAL WASTE TYPES FOR REPORTING TO THE SAWIS

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2 -Major Waste Type		LEVEL 3 - Specific Waste Type	
	GW18	Waste of Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) from which hazardous components/substances have been removed	01	Large Household Appliances
			02	Small Household Appliances
			03	Office, information & Communication Equipment
			04	Entertainment & Consumer Electronics and toys, leisure, sports & recreational equipment and automatic issuing machines
			05	Lighting equipment
			06	Electric and Electronic tools
			07	Security & healthcare equipment
			08	Solar equipment
			09	Printed circuit boards
			10	Mixed WEEE



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	GW20	Organic waste	01	Garden waste
			02	Food waste
			03	Wood waste
			04	Used edible oil
	GW21	Sewage sludge	01	
	GW22	Animal waste		Non-infectious animal carcasses
	GW30	Construction and demolition waste	01	
	GW50	Paper	01	Newsprint and magazines
			02	Brown grades
			03	White grades
			04	Liquid packaging boards
			05	Mixed grades



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	GW51	Plastic	01	Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)
			02	High –density Polyethylene (HDPE)
			03	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
			04	Low-density polyethylene (LPDE)
			05	Polypropylene (PP)
			06	Polystyrene (PS)
			07	Biodegradable plastic
			08	Compostable plastic
			09	Other



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LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2 -Major Waste Type		LEVEL 3 - Specific Waste Type	
	GW55	Absorbent Hygiene Products (AHP)	01	Absorbent Hygiene Products (AHP)
	GW56	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	01	Clothing
			02	Textile
			03	Footwear
			04	Mixed
	GW99	Other	01	





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	GW56	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	01	Clothing
			02	Textile
			03	Footwear
			04	Mixed
	GW99	Other	01	



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### HAZARDOUS WASTE TYPES FOR REPORTING TO THE SAWIS

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2 - Major Waste Type		LEVEL 3 - Specific Waste Type	
	No	Name	No	Name
HAZARDOUS WASTE	HW 03	Batteries	01	Lead Batteries
			02	Mercury batteries
			03	Ni/Cd batteries
			04	Manganese dioxide and alkali batteries
			05	Lithium & Lithium-ion batteries
			06	Nickel-metal hydride batteries
			07	Silver oxide batteries
			08	Zinc-air batteries/ Air depolarised batteries
			09	Mixed batteries



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HAZARDOUS WASTE	No	Name	No	Name
	HW 07	Waste Oils	01	Lubricant waste oil
	HW 18	Waste of Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)	01	Large Household Appliances
			02	Small Household Appliances
			03	Office, information & Communication Equipment
			04	Entertainment & Consumer Electronics and toys, leisure, sports & recreational equipment and automatic issuing machines
			05	Lighting equipment
			06	Electric and Electronic tools
			07	Security & healthcare equipment
			08	Solar Panels (Photovoltaic)
			09	Printed circuit boards



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HAZARDOUS WASTE	No	Name	No	Name
	HW 19	Health Care Risk Waste	01	Pathological waste
			02	Infectious waste and sharps
			03	Pharmaceutical waste
	HW 20	Sewage sludge	01	Sewage sludge
	HW21	Abattoir waste	01	Condemned meat
	HW22	Animal waste	01	Infected animal waste or carcasses
	HW23	Food waste	01	Condemned foods
	HW24	Absorbent Hygiene Products (AHP)	01	Absorbent Hygiene Products (AHP)
	HW25	Chemical waste	01	Chemical waste
	HW 99	Miscellaneous	01	Miscellaneous



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## “ANNEXURE 5

### WASTE MANAGEMENT METHODS:

#### LIST OF RECYCLING, RECOVERY, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL (R, R, T & D) CODES FOR CATEGORISATION

Code	Description
<b>RECYCLING AND RECOVERY</b>	
R1	Direct recovery of energy from waste
R2	Direct recovery of raw material from waste
R3	Regeneration or rejuvenation of waste (solvents, carbons, acids & alkalis)
R4	Recycling of organic substances
R5	Recycling of metals and metal compounds
R6	Recycling of other inorganic materials
<b>R7</b>	<b>Used oil re-refining</b>
<b>Treatment (treatment not for the purposes of disposal)</b>	
T1	Biological treatment (e.g. biodegradation, composting, biogas generation)
T2	Physical treatment
T3	Chemical treatment
T4	Thermal treatment (incineration, pyrolysis, etc.)
<b>T5</b>	<b>Physio-chemical treatment</b>
<b>T6</b>	<b>Blending or mixing</b>
<b>Disposal</b>	
D1	Disposal of waste to land (i.e. specially engineered landfill)
D2	Disposal of waste to land (i.e. non-engineered landfill)
D3	Storage/disposal of waste in surface impoundments (e.g. placement of liquid or sludge discards into pits, ponds, lagoons, etc.)
D4	<b>Permanent storage (stabilisation, micro-encapsulation)</b>



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Once implemented, GWIS and IPWIS to export waste transporters registrations.



Transporters **would not** be required to report waste data to the SAWIS



Registration certificate to expire - 3 years



The SAWIS system would need to cater for the waste transporter activities and for the **reconfiguration** to allow for the expiry of registration certificates



GWIS already caters for certificates expiry.



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The NWIR applies uniformly to all provinces and has implications for the municipalities.



The DFFE and provinces will process new SAWIS, GWIS, and IPWIS registrations and waste data.



The GWIS and IPWIS will need to add the new added waste streams to their systems



Municipalities' landfill sites that do not report waste data to the SAWIS and provincial systems may be withdrawn from the system upon non-compliance and the expiry of their registration certificate.



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# RECOMMENDATIONS



Once published for comment, the public would be afforded a 30 days period to submit written representations to the Department



Waste management facilities conducting activities listed in Annexure 1 must register with the SAWIS or the relevant provincial WIS (revised thresholds)



A registered facility must review the Annexures 3, 4 and 5 to ensure alignment and reporting on new waste streams.



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## Comments and Responses Database (Approach)

Date	Organisation	General Comments	Specific comments	Recommendations	Suggested changes
12 March 2025	Donza NPC	The amendment of the NWIR was long overdue. We welcome the draft and opportunity to make submission	R6(b) – the validity period for the registered waste management activities is welcome. However, the 3 years is unreasonable and impractical	It is recommended that the validity period be extended to 4 instead of 3 years	“(c) the registration certificate issued in (a) is valid for <b>four</b> years from the date of issue; thereafter, it may be renewed, provided a registered person complies with the provisions of Regulation 8.”
18 March 2025	RRR Recyclers		R8(2)(a) –		
			Annexure 1 – the threshold for registration of the waste transporters activities is too low. Conditions for transportation must be incorporate	In absence of conditions, refer to the duties of a waste transporter as outline in S25 of NEMWA	A person registered as a waste transporter for gain must comply with Section 25 of the Act.



# SAWIC SYSTEM DOWN - DATA MIGRATION

The image shows a screenshot of the SAWIC (South African Waste Information Centre) website. The website header includes the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment logo and several navigation links: National Waste Management Strategy, Alternative Waste Treatment Guide, WMP TOOLKIT, Hazardous Waste Management, Land Remediation Management, and Chemical Waste Management. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to the South African Waste Information Centre (SAWIC)'. A large white overlay box in the center contains the following text:

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Contact: [sawic.dffe.gov.za](mailto:sawic.dffe.gov.za)

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