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**Ministry of the Environment, Finland**

**No. 1246**  
**GOVERNMENT DECISION**  
**ON THE RECOVERY AND DISPOSAL OF DISCARDED TYRES**

October 12, 1995

**Section 1**

*Purpose*

In order to improve recovery and other relevant waste management of discarded tyres and to prevent the harmful effect of discarded tyres, this Decision prescribes the producer's and seller's duty to organize waste management of discarded tyres.

The target is to achieve a 90 per cent recovery rate by the year 2000 for the annual volume of discarded tyres as referred to in this Decision.

**Section 2**

*Definitions*

In this Decision

- 1) *tyre* refers to tyres, used tyres or tyre bodies of motorized or hauled vehicles or of other vehicles or machines;
- 2) *discarded tyre* refers to waste tyres;
- 3) *tyre producer* refers to the professional manufacturer or importer of tyres or of motorized vehicles or machines equipped with tyres and to tyre retreaders;
- 4) *tyre seller* refers to companies engaged in selling tyres or motorized vehicles or machines equipped with tyres;
- 5) *tyre consumer* refers to a natural or legal person engaged in activities in which tyres are used.

**Section 3**

*Organization of waste management*

Tyre producers shall organize collection, transport, storage, re-use or other means of recovery or disposal of discarded tyres and provide relevant information and education. The collection organized by the producer shall provide sufficient regional coverage and even availability. This duty applies to an amount of tyres reasonable in comparison with the volume placed on the market by the producer, as well as to types of discarded tyre similar to the tyres placed on the market.

Tyre sellers shall take back discarded tyres without charge. This duty applies to an amount reasonable in comparison with the seller's sales volume and to types of discarded tyre similar to those sold.

Tyre consumers shall deliver discarded tyres to the seller or to a reception facility organized by the tyre producer, unless the tyre consumer himself organizes the recovery of the tyres.

Tyre consumers and municipalities are exempted from the duty to organize waste management when a discarded tyre has been delivered for collection organized by the tyre seller or producer.

**Section 4**

*Recovery and disposal*

Discarded tyres shall primarily be re-used or otherwise recovered as material, and secondarily as energy source.

Discarded tyres which cannot be recovered shall be stored separately from other waste to enable their possible future re-use or other recovery.

**Section 5**

*Duty to provide information*

By the end of April each year, tyre producers or a corporation representing them shall submit the following information on the preceding year to the Finnish Environment Institute:

- 1) the number of new, used and retreaded tyres placed on the domestic market;
- 2) an estimate of the accumulation of discarded tyres;
- 3) the number of discarded tyres recovered as material and energy;
- 4) data on information and education activity engaged in; and

5) other necessary information.

## **Section 6**

### *Powers of the Ministry of the Environment*

The Ministry of the Environment can issue more detailed regulations and derogations concerning tyres referred to in section 2, subparagraph 1, and more detailed regulations concerning the duties referred to in section 3, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, and in section 5.

## **Section 7**

### *Entry into force*

This Decision comes into force on June 1, 1996.

Action required to implement this Decision may be taken before it comes into force.

Notified in accordance with Council Directive 83/189/EEC, as amended by 88/182/EEC and 94/10/EC