

**Translation from Finnish**  
**Legally binding only in Finnish and Swedish**  
**Ministry of the Environment, Finland**

**Government Decree**  
**on the separate collection and recovery of discarded tyres**  
**(527/2013)**

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In accordance with a decision of the Government the following is enacted under the Waste Act (646/2011):

*Section 1*  
*Purpose and scope of application*

- (1) This Decree lays down provisions on the obligation of the producer of tyres referred to in section 48(1)(1) of the Waste Act (646/2011) to organise the separate collection, preparation for re-use, recycling and other recovery of discarded tyres, referred to in the paragraph.
- (2) However, this Decree does not apply to the tyres of an aeroplane or other aircraft, or of a bicycle, wheelchair or other vehicle or device comparable to these.

*Section 2*  
*Separate collection and recovery of discarded tyres*

The tyre producer shall organise the separate collection and recovery of discarded tyres so that yearly at least 95 per cent by weight of the quantity corresponding to the quantity of tyres placed on the market by the producer are prepared for re-use, recycled or recovered in other ways.

*Section 3*  
*Organising the reception of discarded tyres*

- (1) In order to fulfil its obligation laid down in section 49(1) of the Waste Act, the producer shall organise the reception of discarded tyres in the entire country, free of charge and in a manner that is effortless for the waste holder. Accordingly, the producer shall provide at least 350 reception points so as to have at least one reception point in each municipality.
- (2) By way of derogation from subsection 1 above, a reception point can be replaced with a pick-up service, mobile recycling or recycling organised by other means in municipalities

where the tyre distributor has no sales point, provided that the waste holder can easily achieve recycling.

- (3) General requirements concerning the establishment, maintenance and management of waste reception points are laid down in section 10 of the Government Decree on Waste (179/2012).
- (4) Provisions on the tyre distributor's obligation to accept products are laid down in section 56 of the Waste Act.

#### **Section 4**

##### ***Provision of information on the reception of discarded tyres***

- (1) The producer shall, as part of the provision of information referred to in section 51(1) of the Waste Act, by public campaigns and other means, ensure that the holders of tyres and discarded tyres receive the necessary information on the separate collection obligations and instructions concerning discarded tyres, and on the available separate collection and recovery arrangements.
- (2) Provisions on the tyre distributor's obligation to provide information are laid down in section 57 of the Waste Act.

#### **Section 5**

##### ***Report on solvency and an action plan on organising re-use and waste management***

- (1) The producer corporation shall submit a report on its solvency and an action plan on organising re-use and waste management referred to in section 64(1) of the Waste Act to the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Pirkanmaa by the end of April of each year.
- (2) The report on solvency shall include the confirmed financial statements of the latest financial period, the budget for the new financial period and, where necessary, interim financial statements or a financial statement forecast. If the documents mentioned above cannot be submitted, solvency shall be demonstrated by other means.

#### **Section 6**

##### ***Producer's application for approval in the producer register***

The producer's application for approval in the producer register shall contain:

- 1) the producer's name, contact information and business identity code;
- 2) the name and contact information of the contact person;
- 3) a copy of the extract from the Trade Register or Register of Associations;

- 4) a description of the tyres placed on the market by the producer, and an assessment of their quantity in tonnes per year;
- 5) a description of the separate collection and reception point network, transport, preparation for re-use, recycling, other types of recovery and disposal of discarded tyres organised by the producer;
- 6) an assessment of the annual amount of discarded tyres covered by the waste management organised by the producer in tonnes;
- 7) an account of the provision of information concerning the reception of discarded tyres;
- 8) information on the agreements concerning the preparation for re-use and organisation of waste management and the contractual parties' environmental permits and any environmental management systems.

#### ***Section 7***

##### ***The producer corporation's application for approval in the producer register***

The producer corporation's application for approval in the producer register shall contain:

- 1) information on the producer corporation corresponding to the information referred to in section 6(1–3)(5–8);
- 2) a description of the tyres placed on the market by the producers within the producer corporation, and an assessment of their quantity in tonnes per year;
- 3) the name, business identity code and branch of industry of each founder in the producer corporation;
- 4) the names and business identity codes of producers within the producer corporation and the dates on which they joined the corporation;
- 5) rules of the producer corporation and, if necessary, a separate description of the division of responsibilities between the producers and of how a new producer can reach agreement with the producer corporation on attending to producer responsibility;
- 6) a report on the producer corporation's solvency, as specified in section 5.

**Section 8**  
***Notification of changes to operations***

- (1) The notification specified in section 106 of the Waste Act concerning substantial changes to operations and new producer corporation members shall be submitted within a month of the change.
- (2) Provisions on when to issue the report on solvency and the action plan on the securing of operations, if there are substantial changes to the operation of the producer corporation, are laid down in section 64 of the Waste Act.

**Section 9**  
***Notification of monitoring data***

The producer or the producer corporation acting on behalf of its members shall notify the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Pirkanmaa by the end of April of each year of the following information on its operations during the previous year:

- 1) the quantity in tonnes of new and retreaded tyres placed on the Finnish market;
- 2) the quantity in tonnes of discarded tyres that have been submitted for separate collection in Finland;
- 3) the quantity in tonnes of discarded tyres that have been prepared for re-use, recycled or recovered in other ways or disposed of, itemised by treatment facility, together with the name and location of the treatment facility;
- 4) the achieved rate of preparation for re-use, the achieved recycling and other recovery rates, and an account of the basis for the assessment and calculation of the data provided;
- 5) an account of the provision of information concerning the reception of discarded tyres.

**Section 10**  
***Entry into force***

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 8 July 2013.
- (2) This Decree repeals the Government Decision on the Recovery and Disposal of Discarded Tyres (1246/1995).
- (3) Section 2 of the Decree applies to the organisation of the separate collection, preparation for re-use and recovery of discarded tyres as of 2015. Until then, section 1 of the Government decision referred to in subsection 2 shall apply.

- (4) The producer shall meet its obligations concerning the number of reception points laid down in section 3(1) by 1 January 2015 at the latest.
- (5) A producer or a representative producer corporation who filed an application for approval in the producer register before the entry into force of this Decree shall ensure that the information given in the application corresponds to the requirements of the Decree and shall submit the corrected information to the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Pirkanmaa, where necessary, within three months of the entry into force of this Decree.

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