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ADMIXTURE INFORMATION SHEET AIS 9 DISPOSAL OF WASTE PACKAGING

CAA Policy on Waste Packaging:

CAA members endeavour to provide their customers with the highest level of service with respect to admixture containers and delivery. However, this must be carried out within European and National legislative framework which includes regulations on both packaging and the transport of goods.

The preferred method of admixture supply is by bulk delivery direct to customer's static tanks. This is both environmentally sustainable and avoids any concerns with packaging or transportation legislation.

In order to meet their obligations under the Waste Packaging Directive, most CAA members subscribe to VALPAK, which was set up in the UK to meet European legislation on waste packaging and eliminates the requirement for subscribing members to become directly involved in processing used waste packaging.

CAA members are prepared to take back full and unopened drums or other containers of their own products, provided they are within their useable shelf life. However, for opened drums/containers or products from another company, transportation would require a licence to carry controlled waste, which CAA members do not have.

It is therefore CAA policy that it is the responsibility of the admixture user to ensure that empty or part used IBC's, drums and other containers are disposed of, or reprocessed in accordance with appropriate legislation.

Waste Containers:

IBC's, drums and other containers that have been opened and used by a customer will normally be regarded as waste packaging as they will usually still contain residues of the original contents and may also contain other chemicals placed in them at the point of use. Companies that transport and reprocess these containers will require both a waste carriers and a waste management licence, appropriate to the materials they intend to handle.

The Environment agency classifies waste packaging as being empty if less than 0.1% of the normal content is present as residue, e.g. 200 ml in a 200 litre drum.

In the case where the original contents were toxic or carcinogenic, these are Special Wastes and the residue must be less than 0.01%.

Where the container has less than the allowable residue it may be treated as normal commercial waste.

If the container has more than the allowable residue it contains a waste product, see below.

Prior to collection of empty waste containers, the removal company must be in receipt of Material Safety Data Sheets for the drum contents and the original drum labels should not be removed. Containers must have closures in place, i.e. tight fitting caps or valves. See Appendix (1).

Waste Product:

Any residues above the allowable level or part contents in a container must be handled by companies licensed to transport and process chemical materials as controlled waste. See Appendix (2)

Duty of Care:

Admixture users have a 'Legal Duty of Care' to ensure that empty containers and waste products are transported, reprocessed or treated and disposed of responsibly in accordance with the current waste disposal regulations. The liability upon waste generators under the duty of care extends along the entire route from the user to the final reprocessing or disposal site.

Appendices:

(1) Companies Specialising in Empty Drum and IBC Removal and Reprocessing

The Drum Group Ltd, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU.	P: 0207 474 1100 Fax : 0207 473 2545
Gainsford Drums Ltd, 49-51 Gainsford Rd, Walthamstow, London E17 8AX	P: 0208 520 4576 Fax: 0208 521 0806
E Pease & Son, Ravell Drum Works, Geldred Road, Leeds LS12 6DL	P: 0113 263 8573

(2) Companies Specialising in Handling Waste Chemicals

Abbey Environmental, 27 – 30 North River Road, Great Yarmouth, NR30 1SH	P: 01493 850 303 Fax: 01493 330 909
Midco Environmental Ltd, Technical Services Centre, Watling St, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 3ED	P: 01455 631777 Fax: 01455 634777
Hales Waste Control Ltd, Delamare Road, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross, Herts, EN8 9SJ	P: 01992 627441 Fax: 01992 635127

(3) Useful Addresses and Contacts

VALPAK Ltd Savannah House 11-12 Charles St. London SW14QU	P: 0207 321 3500 Fax: 0207 321 3599
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(4) Bibliography

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Controlled Waste (Amendment) Regulations 1993
Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations 1991
Controlled Waste Regulations 1992
Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 1997
Special Waste Regulations 1996
Waste Management Regulations 1996

Information on Admixtures:

For other information of admixtures, please contact:
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