Applicable changes to waste codes and descriptions in RPS 241

RPS 241 – waste codes not otherwise specified

The Environment Agency published Regulatory Position Statement 241 (RPS 241) which allows producers 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 producers to accept wastes with different codes and descriptions to those in the Quality Protocols.

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

Replacement waste codes and descriptions

The changes to three CQP permissible waste codes can be found in the table below.

Current CQP waste code and description	Replacement waste code and description to be used for specific wastes (as in RPS 241)
02 05 01: Wastes from the dairy products industry – materials unsuitable for consumption or processing	16 10 02: milk from agricultural premises
16 10 02: Wastes not otherwise specified in the list – 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 aerobic treatment of solid 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 digestate quality protocol

Review of the RPS and the CQP

The RPS applies until the relevant waste authorisations and Quality Protocols are amended or the RPS is withdrawn.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 compost Resources Framework.