

# Waste Regulation and Enforcement Section

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# PRIMARY ROLE OF WASTE REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT

- ▶ To ensure compliance by relevant Industries and Businesses with their responsibilities under the Waste Management Acts (WMA) and relevant waste regulations
- ▶ To tackle, prevent and/or take enforcement action against those involved in serious incidents of illegal disposal of waste
- ▶ To plan and report on the National Waste Enforcement Priorities for assessment by the EPA (RMCEI)
- ▶ To act in accordance with powers granted to authorised Waste Enforcement Officers under the WMA
- ▶ To deal with complaints from the public and to carry out a series planned and unplanned inspections and actions in accordance with the annual LA framework assessment plan

# MAIN RELEVANT LEGISLATION

- ▶ Waste Management Act and associated regulations
  - ▶ Waste Collection Permit
  - ▶ Waste Facility Permit
  - ▶ End of Life Vehicles (ELV)
  - ▶ Food Waste
  - ▶ Packaging
  - ▶ Tyres
  - ▶ Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)
  - ▶ Waste Electronic Electrical and Engineering (WEEE)

# National Waste Enforcement Priorities

- ▶ Set by the EPA and the DECC and agreed by the National Waste Enforcement Steering Committee
  - ▶ Tackling Illegal Waste Activities and Multi Agency Sites/Operators of Concern
  - ▶ Construction and Demolition Waste Material
  - ▶ Household and Commercial Waste Collection
  - ▶ Plastics and Producer Responsibility Initiatives
    - ▶ Tyres, DRS, WEEE, ELVs
  - ▶ Waste Data and Data Flows - Validating of Annual Environmental Returns by Industry and Business

# EPA RMCEI Assessment 2023

## ▶ Assessment Grades

▶ **Excellent**, **Strong**, **Moderate**, **Limited**

- ▶ Tackling Illegal Waste Activity and MS Sites/Operators of Concern - **Excellent**
- ▶ Construction and Demolition Waste - **Strong**
- ▶ ELVs and Metals - **Excellent**
- ▶ Household and Commercial - **Strong**
- ▶ Producer Responsibility Initiatives - **Strong**