

SEPA Regulatory Position Statement – Clean Scrap Metal Offcuts

Overview

Further to the European Commission's guidance on by-products¹, SEPA has assessed clean scrap metal offcuts from metal manufacturing processes in light of this guidance and has reached the following position.

SEPA Policy Position

SEPA is satisfied that clean scrap metal offcuts can be considered a by-product provided it meets all the following conditions.

1. The material must have certainty of re-use i.e. it must be fit for purpose and there must be a genuine, existing market for the clean offcuts; and
2. The clean scrap metal offcuts shall be reused directly without the need for any additional recovery or treatment operation other than sizing or compacting.

Any scrap metal offcuts which are contaminated e.g. lubricant or paint contamination, or are coated with a non-metallic coating will not meet these criteria and shall be classed as waste and subject to the relevant regulatory controls.

Further Information

Guidance on waste management regulations can be found on SEPA's website (www.sepa.org.uk) or the Netregs website (www.netregs.gov.uk).

¹ http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/com/2007/com2007_0059en01.pdf