

Glossary of Abbreviations



Abbreviation	Meaning	Notes
LoW Code	List of Wastes Code	An asterisk on a code indicates 'hazardous waste'
EWC Code	European Waste Catalogue Code	
CAS Registry Number	A unique identifier for chemical substances to avoid possible confusion due to different names, brands etc.	CAS stands for Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American Chemical Society. CAS RN have been in use since 1965.
POPS	Persistent Organic Pollutants	Hazardous chemicals often found in old flame retardants and pesticides. POPS break down slowly, persist in the environment and harm human health. Example – upholstered domestic seating manufactured before 2019.
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand	Used in leachate and water sampling to measure contamination levels
WTN	Waste Transfer Note	
DMR	Dry Mixed Recycling	
EfW	Energy from Waste	
RDF	Refuse Derived Fuel	Mixed waste with non-combustible materials – e.g. glass, metal – removed and the residual material then shredded.
WEEE	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment	
ADR	European Agreement concerning the Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road.	Drafted in Geneva in 1957.
TDG	Transport of Dangerous Goods	
CLP	Chemical Classification, Labelling and Packaging	Applied since 2015
WM3	Waste Classification: Guidance on the classification and assessment of waste	The waste bible! Used to classify waste and determine if it is hazardous or non-hazardous.
DGSA	Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser	
RID	Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail	
ADN	International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways	
EWC	European Waste Catalogue	
HSG71	Health and Safety Guidance.	HSG71 – General recommendations for the separation, segregation and storage of different classes of packed dangerous substances.
LARAC	Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee	Founded in 1985. Members are local authority waste management officers, and local authorities,
CLEAPSS	Consortium of Local Education Authorities for the Provision of Science Services	Founded in 1963. Helps schools meet health and safety legal duties providing guidance to schools on, for example, chemical safety, equipment and lab design.
GHS	Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	A standardised system managed by the United Nations to classify and communicate the hazards of chemicals.
STOT	Specific Target Organ Toxicity	A health hazard classification under the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)