

Supermarket bring bank guidance

The meaning of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste (LACMW) is defined in section 23 of the Waste and Emissions Trading Act (WET) as any municipal waste which is collected under arrangements made by a Local Authority. This means household or similar waste collected by a WDA, WCA or UA either directly or via any arrangements that the WDA, WCA or UA makes in this regard. So a WDA, WCA or UA may enter into formal (e.g. via contract) or informal arrangements (by voluntary agreement) with third parties to help it collect municipal waste.

If a supermarket collects waste through its own private arrangements – entirely separately from the WDA, WCA or UA, there is no legal obligation for the supermarket or private contractor to provide Local Authorities with this data. However, if the supermarket voluntarily supplies this data to the WDA, WCA or UA, then this data can be recorded in WasteDataFlow returns, with the collected tonnage recorded in Qu17 (in the recycling or reuse column as appropriate) and the sent tonnage recorded in Qu100 under a Reprocessor – recycling or Reuse node as appropriate. This waste falls within the definition of LACMW.

If a supermarket is collecting waste through the Bring Bank scheme but this is operated through arrangements set up by a WDA, WCA or UA, then depending on the particular facts/circumstances this falls within the definition of LACMW and the Local Authority will be required to record this waste in WasteDataFlow returns, with the collected tonnage recorded in Qu17 (in the recycling or reuse column as appropriate) and the sent tonnage recorded in Qu100 under a Reprocessor – recycling or Reuse node as appropriate.