

Loss of waste status for asphalt deconstruct

New regulations

On 1 January 2022, the Regulation of the Minister of Climate and Environment of 23 December 2021 on the definition of detailed conditions for the loss of waste status for asphalt deconstruct entered into force. The Ordinance allows for the reuse of asphalt deconstruct on a wider scale.

The regulation sets out the conditions under which asphalt deconstruct will cease to be treated as waste. This is intended to facilitate its use in road construction so that there are no doubts about its quality and correct and safe use.

Until now, asphalt deconstruct has been considered waste, resulting in a lack of reusability and several challenges on construction sites. From issuing (and printing in the field) a large number of waste transfer notes in a short period to uploading information into the Waste Database to weighing the waste to the nearest thousandth.

What are its uses?

Asphalt deconstruct can replace aggregate in mineral and asphalt mixes and be used to harden shoulders, road bases, exits, or service roads. According to the General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways, only in 2018–2019, 72 thousand tonnes remained unused, i.e., averaging 36 thousand tonnes per year (asphalt rubble that could not be reused). The use of asphalt road construction waste, e.g. for roadside paving, is simply the reuse of the same material. The consequences are not only economic savings but also – and more importantly – environmental protection.

The provisions introduced also make it possible to limit the exploitation of natural resources and to replace natural aggregates. It will also bring tangible benefits for the environment and reduce the landfilling of asphalt rubble. Such a solution is also in line with the principles of a closed loop economy.

The most important change resulting from the introduced legislation

Operators who manage asphalt destruct which has lost the status of asphalt destruct do not have to fulfil the requirements under the Waste Act, e.g. obtain the relevant administrative decisions on waste processing, keep waste records and issue waste transfer notes.

If you want to know more do not hesitate to contact us. Our team will be happy to support you in both legal and business matters in order to optimise the process and maximise your profits.



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