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Dear General Manager

CONTROL OF POLLUTION ACT 1974 - IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS 12 to 14: THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE REGULATIONS 1988 (SI NO 189 ISBN 0.11 086819 6 £2.20)

1. The Secretary of State for the Environment has signed a Commencement Order bringing into effect Sections 12-14 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 on Monday 6 June 1988. New regulations (The Collection and Disposal of Waste Regulations 1988) have been made in connection with the implementation of sections 12-14. These regulations replace the provisions of the Control of Pollution (Licensing of Waste Disposal) Regulations 1976 (as amended). They also replace Sections 72-76 of the Public Health Act 1936.

Scope of the new Regulations and date of commencement

2. The new regulations clarify the duties and powers of local authorities in respect of the collection and disposal of wastes, provide clearer classifications of waste, including clinical waste, and contain various provisions relating to disposal licences. The new regulations come into force in two stages: provisions relating to the collection and disposal of waste come into force on 6 June 1988 whilst those bearing on waste disposal licensing come into force on 3 October 1988.

Charges for the collection of clinical waste arising in the community

3. The new regulations permit charges to be made for the collection of clinical waste from private dwellings or residential homes. Collection authorities have been advised against levying such charges in view of the dangers which would result from occupiers taking action to avoid identification of clinical waste for collection and charging purposes.

Charges for collection of clinical and non-clinical waste from hospitals

4. The regulations define clinical waste other than from a private dwelling or residential home as industrial waste. Where collection authorities do, at the request of the occupier of a premises, collect industrial waste, they must charge for this service. Non-clinical wastes from hospitals are defined as wastes for the collection of which charges may be levied. This is a continuation of the existing position.

Cancellation

5. This letter will cease to have effect on 31 December 1988.

Enquiries

6. Any enquiries should be addressed to Mr M Hunt, Alexander Fleming House, Room A514, London SE1 6BY Tel 01 407 5522 Extension 6873 up to 6 June. Afterwards, enquiries should be sent to Mr Hunt, DHSS, Hannibal House, Room 709 London SE1 6TE Tel 01 703 6380 Ext 3382.

Yours sincerely

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