

## What's changing – disposing of hazardous substances

On 1 December 2017, the EPA Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice, comes into force. The notice sets the rules for the national minimum disposal standards for hazardous substances and their packaging.

This document explains the change that is being made to the rules and lets you know when you need to comply with the notice.



### What's changing?

#### Incineration of halogenated organic compounds

The only major change from the current rules is that the Disposal Notice prohibits the disposal of hazardous substances containing halogenated organic material by incineration at temperatures below 850°C.

#### When do I need to comply with the notice?

The Disposal Notice comes into force on **1 December 2017**. However, notices are only relevant to new approvals issued after 1 December, or existing approvals that have been reissued. On 1 December we plan to have reissued all of the group standards but will not have reissued any of the individual approvals.

Therefore, only hazardous substances approved after 1 December and hazardous substances allowed under group standards will need to comply with the notice by 1 December 2017.

#### More about EPA notices

An EPA notice is a new way to set rules under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO). Notices allow us to simplify rules and put them all in one place, making it easier for people to comply with the rules. You can find out more on our website [www.epa.govt.nz](http://www.epa.govt.nz)

#### EPA – What we do

The EPA (Environmental Protection Authority) approves hazardous substances under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 by assessing the environmental and economic risks and benefits to New Zealanders and the environment.