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Export of used tyres from Finland

This guideline applies to the export of used tyres and facilitates the separation of tyres that should be classified as waste from usable tyres.

Undamaged tyres which are destined for initial use are considered as product and are allowed for export.

Examples of tyres which are classified as waste:

- the tread is lower than minimum 1.6 mm
- are more than ten years old
- are directly from a waste collection or waste treatment facility
- packed in a way that may presumably cause damage to them (for example two to three tyres inserted into each other)

Tyres without rims are classified as green-listed waste. A waste shipment permit is not required within EU- / OECD-countries, but a movement document (Annex VII of the Waste Shipment Regulation) and a contract with the waste treatment facility are needed. The exporter should check the export restrictions to non-OECD countries.

Tyres with rims are considered unclassified waste, EU Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 on shipments of waste is applied to their transboundary shipments. A permit is required for transfrontier shipments of waste.



1. Bent tyres (waste)



2. Tyres inserted into each other (waste)



3. Tyres with low tread (waste)



4. The age of the tyre (2417 = week 24, year 2017)