Depending on the type of waste and the type of activity (transportation, collection, trading or brokering) it is necessary to be either accredited or registered in order to operate in the Brussels Capital Region. Licences for such activities are handled by Brussels Environment – Brussels Institute for Management of the Environment (BE-BIME). Should you have any further questions, please contact the services concerned.

Waste management (excluding the management of radioactive waste) is a regional matter. The information included below applies to the BCR. We recommend that you also contact the appropriate administration in the Flemish ([www.ovam.be](http://www.ovam.be)) and the Walloon Region ([http://environnement.wallonie.be](http://environnement.wallonie.be)).

Persons or companies that are registered or accredited as a transporter of waste in another Belgian region (at “OVAM” or at the “Département du Sol et des Déchets”) are legally registered to transport waste in the BCR.

Persons or companies with the following licence in the BCR are legally registered to transport waste in the BCR when this concerns waste that is generated in the course of their activities:
- soil sanitation contractor
- refrigeration engineer
- heating installer

Persons or companies with the authorisation (accreditation, registration, permit,…) to collect, trade or broker waste from another Belgian region or country are not entitled to do so in the BCR. This means that you must apply for a separate licence for such activities in the BCR.

Registrations remain valid for an unlimited period and may be requested free of charge. Accreditations remains valid for a limited period of up to 10 years. An application for accreditation incurs an administrative cost (amounting to €125 for individuals and €250 for companies).

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TRANSPORTER, COLLECTOR, TRADER, BROKER AND ORDERING PARTY**

A transporter is a company working professionally to transport waste by road or along inland waterways or by rail.

A collector is a company working professionally to collect waste.

A broker is a company, working on behalf of others, to arrange for the removal or recovery of waste. This includes brokers that do not physically have waste in their possession.

A trader is a company taking the responsibility for the buying and then selling of waste. This includes traders that do not physically have waste in their possession.

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1 This note is purely informal. In no way does it constitute any form of obligation with regard to the Brussels Institute for Management of the Environment (BIME). All official communication shall be sent by letter and shall contain the signature of the relevant authorised officer.
The **ordering party** with respect to transport is either a collector, trader, broker or storer of waste. This ordering party gives instructions to the transporter in terms of the destination, the packaging and appropriate measures in case of an incident. The ordering party is in charge of identifying the waste, determining its destination, ensuring that this destination is authorised to accept the transported waste, ensuring that the planned transportation method satisfies the necessary legislation (e.g. particular terms related to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), ensuring that the requirements related to packaging, labelling, safety and traceability are respected, ensuring that the appropriate safety measures are taken, etc. The ordering party takes responsibility during the transportation of waste.

**CROSS-BORDER SHIPMENT OF WASTE, TO OR FROM THE BCR**

Regulation 1013/2006/EC applies to all cross-border shipments of waste to or from the Brussels Capital Region. The “Inspection and contaminated soil” division at BE-BIME handles the notification files for such shipments. The notification procedure depends on the type of waste, its treatment and the country of origin. For more information you may contact the “Inspection and polluted soils” division of BE-BIME (wasteshipment@leefmilieu.brussels, 02/775 75 75).

**TRANSPORTATION OF WASTE IN THE BCR (INCLUDING TRANSIT SHIPMENTS)**

All carriers of waste within the BCR or to or from another region must be registered. This also applies when only transit shipments are involved (i.e. without any loading or unloading in the BCR). For more information on these registrations please contact the “Permits and Partnerships” division of BE-BIME, which handles these files (permit_agr@leefmilieu.brussels, 02/775 75 75).

Carriers of animal waste and end-of-life vehicles are obliged to register specifically for these activities. See below for more information.

**COLLECTION, TRADING, BROKERING OF NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANIMAL WASTE)**

Every collector, trader and broker of non-hazardous waste within the BCR is obliged to register. For more information on these registrations please contact the “Permits and Partnerships” division of BE-BIME, which handles these files (permit_agr@leefmilieu.brussels, 02/775 75 75).

Collectors of animal waste are obliged to register specifically for this activity. See below for more information.

**COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND BROKERING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Every collector, trader and broker of hazardous waste within the BCR must be accredited. For more information concerning this accreditation please contact the “Permits and Partnerships” division of BE-BIME, which handles these files (permit_agr@leefmilieu.brussels, 02/775 75 75).
TRANSPORTATION, COLLECTION, TRADING AND BROKERING OF SPECIFIC WASTE FLOWS

Every person or company shall be registered for:
- the transportation of **end-of-life vehicles**, 
- the transportation of **animal waste**, 
- the collection of **animal waste**.

For more information on these registrations please contact the “Permits and Partnerships” division of BE-BIME, which handles such files (permit_agr@leefmilieu.brussels, 02/775 75 75).

FORMS AND PROCEDURES

More information (including references to the relevant legislation) and useful documents in connection with these authorisations and requirements can be downloaded via our web page.

Information on accreditation/registrations:
www.leefmilieu.brussels → Thema’s → Afval – Grondstof → Afvalbeheer → Erkenningen en registraties
or
www.leefmilieu.brussels → Thèmes → Déchets - Ressources → Gestion des déchets → Agréments et enregistrements

Forms:
www.leefmilieu.brussels → Loket → Formulieren → Afval - Grondstof
or
www.leefmilieu.brussels → Guichet → Formulaires → Déchets - Ressources