

**WASTE CLASSIFICATION SITUATION PER COUNTRY (as of November 28, 2002)**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION OF MINERAL WOOL WASTE AS HAZARDOUS WASTE</b>
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	Exemption is expected to be granted. ( <i>Utz to check</i> )
<b>BELGIUM</b>	MMVF industry initiative towards the authorities aiming at an exemption will be taken in the near future. Exemption expected for Flanders. Situation unchanged for the rest of Belgium.
<b>DENMARK</b>	Classified as hazardous waste since 1999. A guideline ensuring handling as usual has been announced, but no publication yet. A letter to local authorities of Jan. 2000 ensures status quo is maintained.
<b>FINLAND</b>	Dialogue with the authorities has been going on for quite some time. Authorities seem positive to consider MW waste as normal waste. Conclusion expected any day.
<b>FRANCE</b>	Waste from mineralwool (Nota Q) has been classified as non-hazardous in category 17 06 04. A circular has been published.
<b>GERMANY</b>	Classified by industry as non-hazardous in category 17 06 04 in the EWC. Has been contested by some <i>Bundesländer</i> (regional governments).
<b>ICELAND</b>	Treated as normal waste.
<b>IRELAND</b>	Nota Q GW and SW classified as non-hazardous waste.
<b>ITALY</b>	Waiting for a decree. Content?
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	Application by industry for exemption has been rejected by the authorities. Are classified as hazardous waste as of May 1, 2002..
<b>NORWAY</b>	MW put on List of Dangerous substances as of 2002.01.01. Exemption has been given for MW waste in May 2002 (has been received in writing).
<b>SPAIN</b>	Ongoing discussions between MW association and authorities aiming at exemption.
<b>SWEDEN</b>	Request for exemption from industry has been rejected. Industry will file another request when the outcome of the leaching tests and the TAC meeting on the landfill directive in July is known.
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	Waste is still considered inert and can be disposed of without restrictions. However a change in approach in neighbouring countries may effect CH to reconsider.
<b>TURKEY</b>	?
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	Official exemption granted by the competent authority.