

**Question for written answer E-003671/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Catalytic converters containing catalysts: list of wastes code

Waste is currently identified using the codes set out in the European list of wastes (LoW), in accordance with a procedure laid down in Decision 2014/955/EU amending Decision 2000/532/EC.

With regard to catalysts containing precious metals from demolition or maintenance activities, it is unclear who is responsible for analysing and checking whether pollutants and contaminants are present (e.g. fuel oils, refrigeration liquids, etc.) and, consequently, which LoW codes should be assigned to spent catalysts (16 08 01 or 16 08 07*).

Spent catalysts in converters contain both precious metals, such as gold, silver, platinum, etc., and hazardous substances. The stage and entity¹ responsible for checking the presence and concentration of hazardous substances and therefore for categorising the waste as 16 08 07* needs to be established.

In the light of the above:

1. Should catalytic converters containing precious metals from demolition be classified under code 16 08 01 and therefore be exempt from further investigation?
2. Should the checks for the presence of hazardous substances in spent catalysts and any subsequent classification under code 16 08 07* be carried out at the dismantling stage or the later processing stage?

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¹ Car wrecker, transporter or catalyst-processing plant.