

**Question for written answer E-001612/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Failure by the competent authority in Ireland when issuing waste licences and the transfer of waste licences

Greenstar, a waste management company, presented details of its financial security under article 7(i) of the Landfill Directive¹ in compliance with Article 4 of regulation EC No 1606/2002 and IAS 37, as per the interpretation of Regulation EC No 1126/2008 to comply with the revised 4th and 7th Directives. It declared provisions for legal or constructive obligations as per the Commission recommendation of 30th May 2001 (2001/453/EC).

According to the Irish Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), before granting waste licences to Greenstar, it required the company to set aside money collected from waste producers in a fund to cover costs in case of closure, remediation and aftercare of the licensee facilities.

1. Is the Commission aware that CLM, a non-polluter that had contracts with the licence holder, Greenstar, to construct and install preventive and remedial measures to protect the environment, a requirement to comply with EU legislation, has been levied with the polluter's costs?
2. Has the request made by the EPA to Greenstar, which has no standing in law and was not a condition for the issuing of any waste licence, taken precedence over EU directives and regulations?
3. Did the EPA ignore article 14 of the Waste Framework Directive?

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¹ Council Directive 1999/31/EC of 26 April 1999 on the landfill of waste. OJ L 182, 16.7.1999, p. 1. <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/1999/31/oj>.