

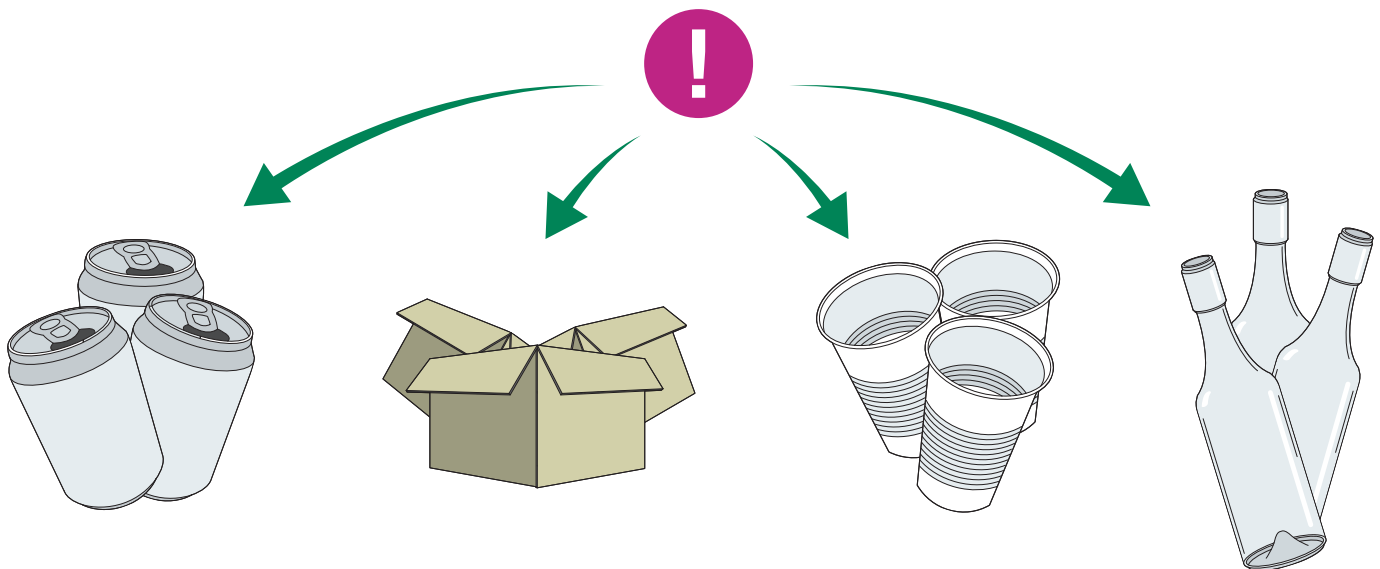
# TEEP REGULATIONS

Teep Regulations - 1st January 2015

**ON THE 1ST JANUARY 2015 THE TEEP REGULATIONS COME INTO FORCE IN ENGLAND AND WALES. THE REGULATIONS PLACE A LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY ON A VARIETY OF PARTIES TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF INCREASED OBLIGATIONS ON RECYCLING.**



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Where Technically, Environmentally and Economically Practicable ('TEEP') separation of the main four recyclable materials (paper, plastic, metal, glass) for collection becomes a legal obligation. This applies to domestic collections as well as commercial waste and is intended to create higher quality recyclable materials for secondary purposes.

The Regulations do not just apply to household waste, or to local authorities. All collectors and all waste, whether dry recyclables, food, bulky, commercial, industrial, construction, clinical or hazardous, falls within the scope of the waste hierarchy. All collection methods, including household waste and recycling centres, bring banks, street and beach cleansing and litter bins need to be considered. 'Collection' means "the gathering of waste, including the preliminary sorting and preliminary storage of waste for the purposes of transport to a waste treatment facility".

'Collection' is understood to take place when waste discarded by a householder or business is transferred from their control to the collector's – for kerbside collections, when the person's waste container is emptied or removed; and for bring sites, household waste recycling centres and street litter bins, when the person deposits the waste in the container. You will need to make reasonable estimates of the composition of the waste arising within your area that you collect.

- Composition information will be key to deciding which waste streams can be collected separately, and how effective current collection systems are.
- Compositions should be broken down in detail to avoid large quantities of material being shown as 'other' or 'mixed' waste.
- You need to start with a clear picture of your current waste collection system:
- Which materials are collected separately from one another?
- Which are collected co-mingled, but separate from refuse?
- Which materials are not targeted by recycling collections and remain in residual waste?
- What does it cost to operate?
- Would you incur any additional costs if you exited or amended any current collection contract?

Ribbex Uk Ltd offers collections of co-mingled recyclables and separate glass and food waste competitively which also ensures compliance under the new system.

# THE PRACTICABILITY TEST

## PRACTICABILITY (TEEP) TEST BREAKDOWN

Is separate collection technically, environmentally and economically practicable? (Regulation 13)

Are you planning to collect the four materials separately

No

Yes

### LIKELY TO BE COMPLIANT

If you plan to collect the materials separately, you do not have to apply the Practicability test. However, you may still wish to do so to be assured that your collection system delivers the best overall outcome.

### IS SEPARATE COLLECTION OF EACH MATERIAL:

#### TECHNICALLY PRACTICABLE?

Questions to consider include:

- Have you previously collected the material separately?
- Is separate collection used by any authority with similar relevant characteristics?
- Does your area have unusual characteristics that make separate collection impracticable?

#### ENVIRONMENTALLY PRACTICABLE?

Questions to consider include:

- Would separate collection for recycling achieve a net environmental benefit?
- Does an alternative collection approach yield a better environmental outcome?
- You may want to consider CO2 emissions, air pollution, water pollution, noise etc.

#### ECONOMICALLY PRACTICABLE?

Questions to consider include:

- Would separate collection result in excessive costs in comparison with alternatives?
- Are any extra costs proportionate to the environmental benefits?
- Be careful about how you account for contract termination or amendment costs.

#### SEPARATE COLLECTION IS NOT PRACTICABLE

If separate collection of a material fails any one of the tests, your analysis shows it does not meet the Practicability Test. You have therefore decided that separate collection is NOT required.

No

Does separate collection pass all three elements of the test?

Yes

#### SEPARATE COLLECTION IS PRACTICABLE

Your analysis shows separate collection of the material meets the Necessity and Practicability Tests and is therefore required by the Regulations.