



SUMMARY OF CASE LAW ON WASTE PRODUCER LIABILITY

PANAMA

We were not able to locate specific court cases in Panama on waste producer liability. The national provisions that affect waste producer liability are set out below.

Summary of National Law

The 2019 addition to the law in Panama makes explicit the duty of the producer of hazardous wastes. See [Integrated Waste Management Law of 2019](#).

*“**Article 34.-** Waste generators can hire a company that provides waste services registered with the Ministry of Health. Every waste generator will be responsible when it is shown that its negligence or intentionally contributed to the generation of damage. This responsibility extends during the operation of the entire hazardous waste management system for up to a period of twenty years, contacted from the final disposal.”* (emphasis added).

Previously Panama law had been construed to provide for strict liability for waste disposal and clean-up. See Alvarado, [“The Application of the Polluting Principle Pays in the Triple Responsibility System In Panama,”](#) Magazine of the Faculty of Law of Mexico 67 (269): 299 · November 2017 (Spanish).

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