

SUMMARY OF CASE LAW ON WASTE PRODUCER LIABILITY IN EUROPE

SERBIA

Summary of the Law:

Serbia is a prospective member of the EU is <u>adapting its waste laws to meet the EU standards</u>. Serbia's <u>Law on Waste Management</u>, RS Official Gazette No. 36/2009 of May 19, 2009, incorporates the "polluter pays principle," (citing that "the polluter has to bear the full costs of the consequences of their actions"), Article 6(5). Article 27 cites that the owner of wastes is responsible for all costs of management. Specific provisions on Integrated Permit holders require that they submit a detailed waste management plan for their wastes for approval. See Articles 15 and 16.

These provisions have not been subjected to any major judicial review or interpretation. Due to the small size of the jurisdiction, this is not unexpected.

Note: Nothing in the waste law transposed into national law supersedes, replaces or negates potential liability under the Environmental Liability Directive or the Industrial Emissions Directive (IPPC). Both of which have been applied to waste producers.

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