



SUMMARY OF CASE LAW ON WASTE PRODUCER LIABILITY

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

We have not been able to find case law in Trinidad and Tobago and will describe here the legal basis for waste liability in Trinidad and Tobago.

Waste law in Trinidad and Tobago is not as well-developed as in the United States or Europe. The basic core environmental law is the [Environmental Management Act of 2000](#). Section 58 provides the general prohibition against unauthorized waste disposal:

“No person shall handle or dispose of any waste or hazardous waste in a manner which is in violation of any applicable licence, permit, standards, conditions or requirements under this Act”. EMA, Section 58, as amended 2009.

The Act goes further and sets out the authority for performance standards for each listed hazardous waste and requires licenses for its management:

“After final designation of such specific hazardous substances and the establishment of the performance standards and procedures under section 26, a person shall not handle, or cause to be handled by any other person through contract, agreement or other arrangement, any hazardous substance except in accordance with— (a) such performance standards and procedures; or (b) a licence or permit granted by the Authority. (2) A person shall apply to the Authority for the grant of a licence or permit as prescribed by Rules.” Section 60(1).

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