

Checklist for wood recyclers – withdrawal of RPS 250

- 1 - Update the list of unacceptable materials contained within your wood acceptance criteria with the help of our sample ***WRA Acceptable Materials Guide** and updated ***WRA Wood Grading System**.

Alongside items such as telegraph poles and railway sleepers, unacceptable materials must now include, from pre-2007 buildings: **barge boards; external fascia; soffit boards; external joinery; external doors; roof timber; tiling cladding; tiling battens; timber frames and timber joists.**

- 2 - Communicate this change with your customers well in advance of September 1 and send them the updated acceptance criteria. Be clear about the change and what it means for their operations and explain how they can limit the cost and impact by taking part in simple sampling and testing using the ***WRA Demolition Wood Quick Guide**.
- 3 - Inform new customers supplying demolition waste wood to your site about the changes and the revised acceptance criteria.
- 4 - Train operatives inspecting wood on your site about the changes and how to recognise the potentially hazardous items from pre-2007 buildings, with the help of our printable ***WRA Visual Guide**.
- 5 - Make your sales teams aware of the new acceptance criteria so they can communicate this effectively to your customers, in advance of the changes.
- 6 - Check that your quarantine and contamination processes are up to date, including how to dispose of and consign hazardous waste if required.
- 7 - From September 1, ensure that none of the ten potentially hazardous waste wood items from pre-2007 buildings are accepted onto your site and that all the correct procedures are in place, as set out in our ***WRA video**.

Further information can be found in the enclosed toolkit and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julia Turner at Julia.turner@woodrecyclers.org