

# Waste management: landfill

1997/0085(SYN) - 26/03/1998 - Modified legislative proposal

The amended proposal incorporates 13 of the 29 amendments adopted by the European Parliament at first reading. The main changes made by the Commission have the purpose of: - introducing into one recital a reference to the waste hierarchy; - stressing the need for legislation on the processing of dredging sludges; - ensuring that the cost of the financial security is included in the price to be charged for the landfilling of waste; - drawing attention to the need to improve monitoring and reporting systems; - inserting in the definition of inert waste a specific reference to the proposed water framework Directive; - defining liquid waste more specifically in relation to percentage of solids; - clarifying that mine storage and underground storage are covered by the overall definition of landfill; - introducing an exemption for non-hazardous sludges to be deposited in surface water including the waterway bed as well as an exemption for the deposit of unpolluted soil or non-hazardous inert waste from various mining activities; - introducing an obligation for the Commission to forward to Parliament and the Council a report on national strategies and an obligation for Member States and the Commission to report on compliance with the reduction targets; - deleting the exemption for tyres with a diameter above 1400 mm; - specifying the obligations for the operator during the aftercare period (a period of 30 months); - introducing a provision to ensure that landfills without a permit in accordance with Directive 75/442/EEC are closed down.