

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO TYRE STORAGE REGULATIONS



Australian Capital Territory

This quick reference guide has been extracted from the [TSA Best Practice Guidelines for Tyre Storage](#). For a more detailed discussion of the many considerations around tyre storage, please refer back to the [Guidelines](#).

ACT Tyre storage regulations

In ACT, the [Environment Protection Act 1997](#) defines the transportation of 2 tonnes or more of end-of-life tyres as a Class A activity and therefore requires the person undertaking the transport to hold an environmental authorisation, however the storage and processing of tyres is not a regulated or licensed activity.

Australia (Federal) Tyre Storage Regulations

Transport

Nationally, tyres are listed as a 'controlled waste' in List 1 of Schedule A of the National Environmental Protection (Movement of Controlled Waste between States and Territories) Measure 2004 (Controlled Waste NEPM). The NEPM has established a national system to track the transport movements of controlled waste between States and Territories and developed nationally recognised licences for interstate transporters. While, the interstate transport of tyres is regulated via this legislation, there is no federal control over the storage of tyres.

Storage

While there are no federal requirements on storage of tyres, where tyres are stored indoors, buildings must be constructed in compliance with Part E of Volume 1 of the National Construction Code (Building Code of Australia)¹, which lists requirements and specifications for firefighting equipment and smoke hazard management, and tyre storage facilities must comply specifically with Clause E1.10 and E2.3. Clause E1.10.

State jurisdictions may specify separate requirements (under state-specific guidelines or waste management regulation) that must be complied with. For example, in Western Australia clearly specifies pile sizes for indoor and outdoor provided in Guidance Note GN02: Bulk Storage of Rubber Tyres Including Shredded and Crumbed Tyres.

Work Health and Safety (WHS)

In addition, Australian businesses have obligations under the harmonised Work Health and Safety (WHS) framework in Australia, including the Model WHS Regulations (1 January 2021). However, there are no specific requirements under the WHS framework for tyre storage facilities.

¹ Australian Building Codes Board (2015) *National Construction Code Volume One, Building Code of Australia, Class 2 to Class 9 Buildings*.