



## Decree 80/2021, of 10-3-2021 establishing exceptional measures due to the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus relating to the energy recovery of certain waste.

Government

Other provisions

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In view of Law 25/2004, of December 14, on waste, which regulates in the fifth section the management of waste thermal treatment centers;

In view of article 5 of Law 25/2004, of December 14, on waste, which establishes that when there is a risk of injury and serious or irreversible damage to human health or the environment, the absence of scientific certainty and techniques at a given time should not prevent those responsible from taking effective and proportionate measures with the aim of preventing harm to people's health or the degradation of the environment, and given that it also establishes that the daily management of waste must be based, in all areas of decision-making, on the precautionary principle;

Given the evolution of the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus on a global scale, and more specifically the impact on the management of certain types of waste;

Given that clothing and textile waste from selective collection, under normal conditions, is received at the Thermal Waste Treatment Center and exported to authorized plants for final recovery through preparation for re-use and recycling;

Since, in the current exceptional situation of health emergency, the plants authorized for the management of textile waste are saturated, due to the limitations posed by the risk of the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the sorting operations and in movements in international markets, and that this saturation of the authorized plants implies that they are not in a position to accept textile waste for its recovery, and must dispose of it in landfills;

Given that, in accordance with the waste management hierarchy established in article 4 of Law 25/2004, of December 14, on waste, landfill disposal is the last of the waste management options, by being less efficient in accordance with environmental criteria than energy recovery;

Given that, taking into account the precautionary and proximity criteria and the waste management hierarchy established by Law 25/2004, of December 14, on waste, it is proposed to adopt measures that exceptionally authorize the energy recovery of textile waste;

In view of article 7 of the Regulation relating to waste thermal treatment centers, dated July 5, 2006, which establishes, among other things, that the commissioning authorization must set, following the guidelines of the National Catalog of waste, the categories that can be admitted to the Waste Treatment Center;

Given that the energy recovery plant in Andorra has sufficient capacity and is suitable to recover the aforementioned waste;

The Government, in the session of March 10, 2021, at the proposal of the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability,

decree

Single item

Add codes 200110 and 200111, exceptionally and temporarily, for as long as the limitations on acceptance of textile waste in plants authorized to manage it, arising from the health emergency situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, last, within the categories of admissible waste included in point 1.3 of the Decree authorizing the commissioning of the Comella Thermal Waste Treatment Center, dated July 26, 2006 - promptly modified on June 11, 2014 and on June 21, 2017.

Final provision

This Decree enters into force the same day it is published in the Official Gazette of the Principality of Andorra .

Which is made public for general knowledge.

Andorra la Vella, March 10, 2021

Xavier Espot Zamora

Head of Government

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