

Statutory guidance: SR2015 No 16: metal recycling site

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These standard rules allow you to operate a metal recycling site at a specified location.

Using hand-held equipment only, these rules permit the following activities for ferrous metals or alloys and non-ferrous metals for recovery:

- sorting
- separation
- grading
- shearing
- baling
- compacting
- granulating of cables
- cutting

The total quantity of waste that can be accepted at a site under these rules must be less than 25,000 tonnes a year.

The rules will not permit the burning of any waste, either in the open, inside buildings or in any form of incinerator.

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