

DRY CLEANING?

What you need to know to be compliant*

YOU MUST HAVE A VALID CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

In order to legally operate, you must hold a valid certificate of compliance from your local authority. To obtain this you must arrange to have an Approved Assessor Inspection to verify compliance with the Regulations. A certificate of compliance can last up to 3 years. You must display your certificate in a prominent position on the premises. Failure to obtain a certificate of compliance or renew your certificate can result in a fixed payment notice being issued.



YOU MUST HAVE A SOLVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND COMPLY WITH THE EMISSION LIMIT VALUE FOR DRY CLEANING



You must maintain records of solvents consumed and waste removed. These records must include your opening and closing stocks of unused (fresh) solvent, waste solvent and solvent in machine tanks. You must record the weight of all loads dry cleaned and the volumes of solvent added to the dry cleaning machine. You must be able to demonstrate compliance with the Emission Limit Value of 20g solvent emitted per kilogram of product cleaned and dried. This will be calculated from your records.

YOU MUST MAINTAIN YOUR DRY CLEANING MACHINE PROPERLY

Dry cleaning machines must be leak checked and serviced to ensure they are in good working order. The manufacturer's operating manual must be kept on site.



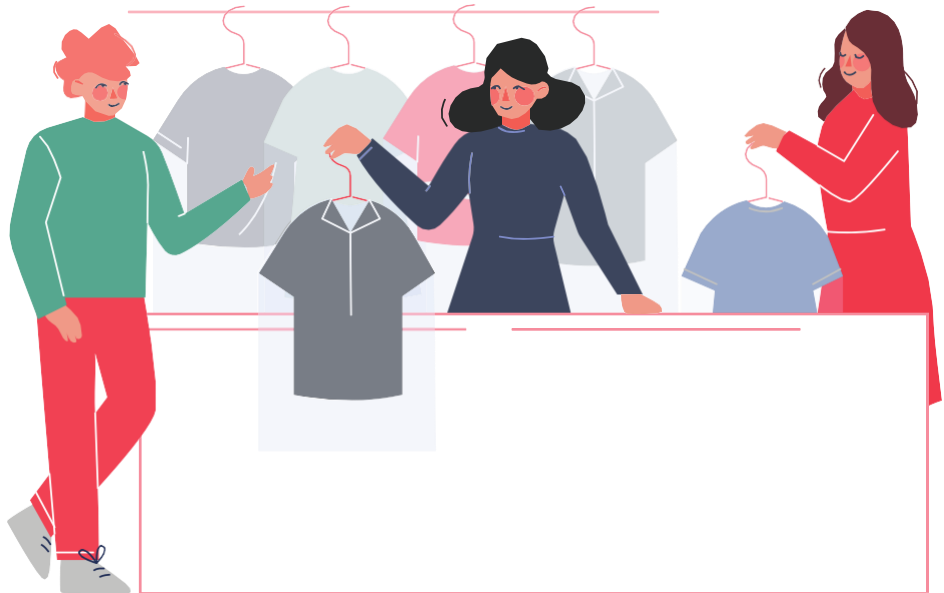
YOU MUST MAINTAIN RECORDS



You must keep records of:

- Opening and closing stocks of fresh solvent, solvent waste and machine tank levels
- Results of laboratory analysis of liquid solvent waste and separator water
- Weight of every load dry cleaned
- Certificate of Recovery for all solvent containing wastes removed (including water from the water separator)
- Additions of fresh solvent to the machine
- Maintenance records
- Staff training records

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YOU MUST STORE SOLVENT CONTAINING WASTE PROPERLY

Solvent containing waste is hazardous and poses a threat to human health and the environment. Liquid solvent waste must be stored in suitable sealed, labelled containers on a spill tray/bund. Solid solvent containing waste must be stored in a closed, labelled container (this includes spent filters, button trap waste and lint filter waste).



SOLVENT WASTE MUST BE REMOVED FROM SITE BY AN AUTHORISED WASTE COLLECTOR

You must ensure that the waste collector holds a valid hazardous waste collection permit. You should obtain a copy of this permit (this can be found on www.nwcpc.ie) and a copy of the EPA licence for the facility to which the waste is being taken (This can be obtained by asking the waste collector for a copy).

ACTIVITIES USING SOLVENT CONTAINING PRODUCTS ARE REGULATED TO PROTECT HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

If you are carrying out a Dry Cleaning activity using solvents, you must comply with the law. Information relating to your requirements can be found by logging on to the websites listed below or by contacting the environment section in your local authority. **Failure to comply with the Regulations may result in you being issued with a fixed payment notice which is an on-the-spot fine of €1000 or if convicted in court, liability on summary conviction to fines of up to €5000.**



NEXT STEPS TO COMPLY:

- **Contact the environment section of your local authority to let them know you plan to carry on Dry Cleaning using solvent**
- **Contact the Approved Assessor to arrange an inspection and obtain guidance on: 01-5654730 or by email to bes.aa@dnv.com**
- **Read and be familiar with the EPA Best Practice Guidelines for Dry Cleaning (web address below)**

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For full information on your requirements log onto:
www.solvents.ie and
<https://www.dnv.com/energy/services/biodiversity-and-environment/audits-and-inspections/>