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**National Environment Commission**  
Royal Government of Bhutan



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December 01, 2022

**Notification**

**Revised Waste Offences and Fine Schedule**

In exercise of the powers granted under section 53 of the Waste Prevention and Management Act of Bhutan 2009 and section 171 of the Waste Prevention and Management Regulation 2012, the 55<sup>th</sup> session of the National Environment Commission meeting held on 18 August 2022 deliberated on the proposed revision and subsequently endorsed the ***Revised Waste Offences and Fine Schedule along with Incentives and Reward Strategy*** on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, and further Cabinet approval was accorded on November 30, 2022. The revised waste offences and fine schedule shall supersede the offences and fine schedule under Annexure VII of the Waste Prevention & Regulation 2012 and offences under section 56 of the Waste Prevention and Management (Amendment) Regulation 2016.

***The Revised Penalty and Fine Schedule for waste-related Offenses including the incentive and reward strategy will come into effect from the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2022.***

1. The Revised Waste Offences and Fine Schedule

Sl. No.	Offence (acts of non-compliance)	Fine Schedule		
		First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
1	Littering at any public places	250.00	500.00	750.00
2	Dumping or releasing of wastes in the environment	3,000.00	6,000.00	9,000.00
3	Dumping or releasing wastes into any water bodies	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
4	Providing false or distorted information or report on incidents by reporters	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
5	Smearing of lime and spitting of doma in public areas	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
6	Urinating or defecating in a public place	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
7	Any nature of waste (not properly managed or stored) being found within a business or institution premises/boundary	3,000.00	6,000.00	9,000.00



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8	Failure to clean the area after organizing a program	20,000.00	40,000.00	60,000.00
9	Failure to provide and maintain 3 color-coded bins during public events	20,000.00	40,000.00	60,000.00
10	Washing of vehicles or machineries in a river, stream, lake, pond, wetland or at a drinking water source	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
11	Open burning of waste	3,000.00	6,000.00	9,000.00
12	Failure to record detail information on accident, non-compliance, or other detail in particular to medical, industrial or any hazardous waste as required to be included in a report	20,000.00	40,000.00	60,000.00
13	Dumping or releasing of industrial, medical or other hazardous wastes including spillage during transportation in any places other than designated or approved facility	30,000.00	60,000.00	90,000.00
14	Failure to prevent spillage of any waste including construction materials and excavated soil during transportation	10,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00
15	Upon completion/during construction work, failure to clean up the remnants of the construction materials in and around a construction area, streets, roads, or pedestrian pathways	20,000.00	40,000.00	60,000.00
16	Failure to provide 3 color-coded waste storage facilities/bins at construction sites	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
17	Failure to cooperate with officers on duty	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
18	<b>An Implementing/Collaborating Agency failing to:</b>			
	(a) provide or cause to be provided with safety gears for the personnel handling hazardous or infectious wastes and ensure their strict usage	30,000.00	60,000.00	90,000.00
	(b) develop and issue technical guidelines for the handling of hazardous, infectious or dangerous waste and ensure strict compliance therewith	30,000.00	60,000.00	90,000.00

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	(c) send annual report, with quality content, within stipulated time as required by this Regulation	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
	(d) enforce or achieve compliance requirements under this Regulation; or	30,000.00	60,000.00	90,000.00
	(e) secure or cause to be secured the waste collection or dump site facility from endangering human and animals due to its failure to fence or cover such areas	30,000.00	60,000.00	90,000.00
19	Failure to provide common waste bins for houses or buildings with multiple tenants	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
20	Failure to segregate waste when segregation facilities are available or provided	3,000.00	6,000.00	9,000.00
21	Dumping of Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste in places other than designated sites	18,000.00	36,000.00	54,000.00
22	Dumping of excavated soil in places other than designated sites	9,000.00	18,000.00	27,000.00
23	Operating business establishment without waste bins	4,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00

1. Failure to pay the penalty within 14 days will lead to daily late payment fee of 10% of the penalty amount. The late payment fee will be applicable up to 20 days.
2. In addition to the penalty, the defaulters may also be subject to "Naming & Shaming"
3. Depending on the availability of required infrastructures in the Dzongkhags/Thromdes, NECS in consultation with relevant implementing agencies may provide exemptions on applicability of one or more of the abovementioned offences



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Sl. No	Target Group	Type	Incentive	Responsibility
1	Public/Enforcer	Authentic offense reporting	30% of penalty amount (Automated via APP)	* Agency/ADMIN to validate the offense reported and only reward the authentic reporters * False information shall be dealt as per the relevant laws
2	Dzongkhag/Thromde	Cleanest & Dirtiest Dzongkhag/Thromde (Top Three)	*Certificates for cleanest Dzongkhag/Thromde on World Environment Day *Promotions in mainstream & social media (list of cleanest Dzongkhags/Thromdes)	- Assessment to be conducted by NEC/Enforcement Agency <b>NonCompliance</b> *Administrative action as per the BCSR *Naming & Shaming via Social Medias (worst three Dzongkhags) *Impose Penalty to the implementing agencies as per WMPR 2012/2016

2. Incentive and Reward Strategy

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