

About the National Waste Management Agency (NWMA)



The National Waste Management Agency (NWMA, in Hungarian: Országos Hulladékgazdálkodási Ügynökség Nonprofit Kft., OHÜ Nonprofit Kft.) is a limited liability company whose main tasks are as follows: first, to take part in the prevention of environmental pollution and waste generation, in addition to organise and manage the waste collection and recovery of the waste products which fall under product fee regulation, and finally to assist the development of the relationship between human and environmental systems. NWMA is a nonprofit organization, which was established by the new Law LXXXV of 2011 on Environmental Product Fee. NWMA accomplishes its tasks, which are required by the legislation, within the framework of public benefit activities,

- a. collection and utilisation of the waste of the products which fall under the product fee regulation,
- b. implementation of the National Collection and Utilisation Plan (hereinafter: NCUP),
- c. monitor and analysis of the waste management process,
- d. support the development of the products which fall under the product fee obligation,
- e. contribution to environmental education,
- f. control the activities of its contractual partners , tenders and service orders in the product fee obliged waste management,
- g. according to the Product Fee Law §37 (2), spend at least 7% of the product fee revenue on environmental education,
- h. develop the waste management of products which fall under the product fee obligation.

NWMA fulfills its obligations as a prominently public benefit nonprofit organization.

Basics of the NWMA operation:

NWMA was established on 01.09.2011 according to the Product Fee Law and as a solely coordinator it manages, organizes and controls the public and industrial selective waste collection and prepares the National Collection and Utilization Plan. NWMA was established by the Ministry of Rural Development and obliged to report its activities to Mr. Dr. Sándor Fazekas, the Minister of Rural Development and to Mr. Dr. Zoltán Illés, the State Secretary Responsible for the Environmental Affairs. The executive director of NWMA is Mr. Oszkár Vámosi.

The main reason to establish NWMA was basically to operate the Hungarian selective waste collection, treatment and utilization in a transparent way which is based on uniform criteria. The preparation of the NWMA began last autumn. The required conditions were mostly provided for the accomplishment of the basic tasks determined in the Product Fee Law, however, the development of the organization as well as the necessary infrastructure is in progress. NWMA has already reached its presently most important professional objective as continued the public selective waste collection – which required financial support - without any obstacle by the contracts with public service providers. In the country it is expected to sign the contract with 120 public service providers for their services. The signature of the public procurement contracts with the industrial waste collectors is in progress.

Main characteristic and tasks of NWMA:

NWMA's main task and objective is to establish an organised selective waste collection system in Hungary for the public and private sector with the help of a predictable, persistent and efficient collection, utilization and processing technique. This is based on the fact, that the NWMA receives state support for this year (16.5 billion Ft) for the promotion of selective waste management. The registration and the administration of the companies that are obliged to pay product fee are regulated by the National Tax and Customs Administration.

From 2012 NWMA has the executive right to coordinate and control the selective waste management in Hungary.

NWMA creates new basics in the national selective waste management system, which is based on the confirmation of the intellectuality and specification of the new Product fee legislation. One of the NWMA's goals is – compared to previous years - to have higher proportion and amount of the selective waste collected by public provider services. As part of implementation this target NWMA gives financial support to public provider services thereby contributing to fulfill the national and EU expectations. Consequently the system of selective waste collection, which is not economical in many cases, is compensated by the existing contracts.

Besides this NWMA promotes selective waste collection among the population and supports the activities which enhances environmental awareness and positively contribute to the environmental education of the public and industry sectors. Consequently a relevant improvement can be observed regarding to the amount and proportion of the selectively collected and transported waste.

According to the predicted assumptions of the public service providers this year NWMA estimates 80.000 tons of publicly collected selective waste which means 20-25% increase compared to the previous years. For this purpose 2.5 billion Ft financial support was allocated in 2012.

12.5 billion Ft resources are available for the industrial selective waste collection and utilization which is ensured by public procurement procedure.

Unlike in the previous years now NWMA possesses more financial resources and controlling power which are ensured by legislation regarding to collection and utilization contracts and highlights the controlling activity.

NWMA is trying to provide a predictable, uniform system with same conditions for both the public and private sector, in order to promote the selective waste collection, so processing, recycling will increase.

NWMA assures uniform conditions, transparent, predictable frames for long-term and requirements by their assigned powers and responsibility in order to reach higher rate of selective waste collection, process and utilization in the Hungarian public and industrial sectors from this year.