



## **Plea to ALL who use and empty drums & IBC's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Transport Compliance**

The Waste Act requires EPR and recovery and re-use of waste followed by recycle and landfill as the last resort!

- Please recover used drums for safe re-use through an RPMASA member,
- Drums & IBC's are too valuable a resource to waste and can be safely re-used several times if reprocessed or reconditioned correctly
- The UN and IMDG regulations for reconditioning encompass plastic jerricans, steel and plastic drums and IBC's
- A recent survey shows less than 50 % steel and less than 10% plastic get reprocessed for re-use - WHERE do the rest go??
- Drain and remove ALL residues before sending for reprocessing & complete a nominally empty certificate
- Don't leave product behind or worse still waste in drums, this is a waste of money + causes problems for reconditioners
- Don't make your waste someone else's problem AND charge them for the doing so!
- Residues and waste in drums are expensive to dispose of - they should be charged to the generator
- Use a reconditioner who is a member of the RPMASA and has been audited to the RPMASA Audit Protocol for compliance, members have our Codes of Practice to assist them as well as SANS 10406
- Don't give or sell used chemical drums to the public - they pose health and environmental pollutions risks from residues
- At end of life the steel and plastic can be safely recycled into valuable non- domestic products
- Ensure new and used drums are correct specification for product use – don't buy to fail
- Understand the packaging transport regulations for safety to people, property and the environment!

Please note that drums containing the following materials are not acceptable: radioactive, explosive, and class 6. pesticides and toxics and 6.2 biological hazards

Extended Producer Responsibility - where do your drums go? A recent survey showed a very poor recovery % especially considering that drums can be used up to 5 times each. Steel drums declined from 108% in 2005 to 47% in 2008. Plastic drums from 25% in 2005 to 9% in 2008. Where do the rest go?

*Support our Life Cycle Approach to recovery and safe re-use.*

Let us have your comments on our blog [www.rpmasa.org.za](http://www.rpmasa.org.za)

***Let's work together for a sustainable future through EPR for safe recovery, reprocess and re-use of drums and IBC's.***

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