
**Waste collection and transportation
management — Vocabulary**

Gestion de la collecte et du transport des déchets — Terminologie



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Foreword

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Introduction

0.1 General

With global waste generation on the rise, municipalities must consider more efficient waste collection and transportation management, including the interoperability and safe use of equipment or technologies.

Hence, it is important to agree on a set of harmonized terms and definitions to provide a common basis for communication and information exchange on waste collection and transportation management. This will help to minimize ambiguity, confusion and misunderstanding of terms used in the waste management industry.

This document enables users to understand the scope of the work of ISO/TC 297 and is the source document for the terms and definitions of ISO/TC 297. Where a term and definition are required in a single document, the term and definition will be referenced in that document.

These terms and definitions will serve as the basis for a common language for regulations, standards, academia, research and training in the waste management industry.

0.2 Vocabulary structure

The arrangement of terms and definitions in this document is based upon terms corresponding to “waste management” and “collection and transportation” in the waste collection and transportation management field. The organization of terms is illustrated in [Figure 1](#).

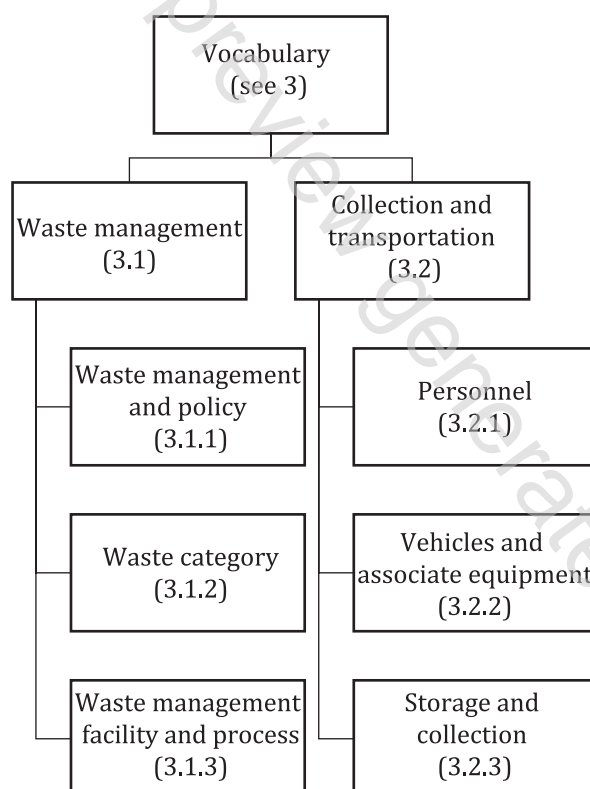


Figure 1 — Vocabulary structure

Waste collection and transportation management — Vocabulary

1 Scope

This document defines terms that are commonly used in the area of waste collection and transportation management. It aims to align with terminology used internationally.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

NOTE 'Refuse' and 'waste' are used interchangeably in this document.

3.1 Waste management

3.1.1 Waste management and policy

3.1.1.1

3Rs

reduce, reuse, recycle

three main principles which are widely used in *waste management* ([3.1.1.9](#))

Note 1 to entry: *Reduce*, *reuse* and *recycling* are defined in [3.1.1.6](#), [3.1.1.8](#) and [3.1.3.10](#), respectively.

3.1.1.2

extended producer responsibility

EPR

environmental policy approach in which a producer's responsibility for a product is extended to the post-consumer stage of a product's life cycle

Note 1 to entry: An EPR policy is characterized by:

- a) the shifting of responsibility (physically and/or economically; fully or partially) upstream towards the producer and away from government or municipalities;
- b) the provision of incentives to producers to take into account environmental considerations when designing their products.

Note 2 to entry: An EPR can be only financial or can be financial and operational depending on national laws.

3.1.1.3

illegal dumping

disposal ([3.1.3.3](#)) of *waste* ([3.1.2.31](#)) without legal permission, in violation of national laws