

Waste Catalogue & EWC Codes

Reference overview of selected European List of Waste (LoW/EWC) codes relevant to RDF/SRF sourcing, mechanical waste treatment and related material streams. The applicable waste code must always be determined from the actual origin, composition and treatment process of the specific waste stream.

Core RDF / SRF-related codes

EWC / LoW code	Official description	EcoMatter relevance
19 12 10	Combustible waste (refuse derived fuel)	Primary RDF code where the waste stream meets this classification.
19 12 12	Other wastes (including mixtures of materials) from mechanical treatment of wastes other than those mentioned in 19 12 11	Potential non-hazardous mechanically treated mixed waste stream; classification must be verified case by case.
19 12 04	Plastic and rubber	Relevant separated fraction from mechanical waste treatment where applicable.
19 12 07	Wood other than that mentioned in 19 12 06	Non-hazardous wood fraction from mechanical treatment where applicable.
19 12 08	Textiles	Separated textile fraction from mechanical treatment where applicable.
19 12 01	Paper and cardboard	Separated paper/cardboard fraction from mechanical treatment where applicable.
19 02 10	Combustible wastes other than those mentioned in 19 02 08 and 19 02 09	May be relevant to certain non-hazardous combustible wastes from physico/chemical treatment; not a substitute for 19 12 10.

Important classification note

EWC/LoW codes classify waste; they do not by themselves establish that a shipment is legally permitted, that the material qualifies as RDF/SRF, or that a specific cross-border shipment procedure applies. Before contracting or shipment, verify the waste source, composition, hazardous properties, destination recovery operation, permits and shipment documentation.

Hazardous mirror entries

Codes marked with an asterisk (*) in the European List of Waste are hazardous waste entries. For example, 19 12 11* covers other wastes from mechanical treatment containing hazardous substances, whereas 19 12 12 is the corresponding non-hazardous entry.

Legal reference

Prepared with reference to Commission Decision 2000/532/EC establishing the European List of Waste, as amended. Informational document only; official legal texts and competent-authority requirements prevail.