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Dear Sir/Madam

CIRCULAR ON MEASURES TO PREVENT MATERIALS SPILLAGE FROM TIPPER TRUCKS

This circular outlines the changes (underlined in Table 1) to the Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) Regulations with effect from 1 July 2023 and provides general guidelines on tipper truck covers (see attachment in Annex).

Table 1: Current and Revised Regulation 14(2)

Clause Reference	Current Regulation 14(2)	Revised Regulation 14(2)	Rationale on amendments to legislation
Regulation 14(2)	No person shall convey any refuse, sand, earth, granite chips, gravel, clay, manure, shavings, stone, straw or any other similar matter or thing in any vehicle through or along any street unless the refuse, sand, earth, granite chips, gravel, clay, manure, shavings, stone, straw or matter or thing is completely and adequately covered by a proper cover the size and design of which shall be approved by the Director-General from time to time.	No person shall convey, <u>or cause or permit to be conveyed</u> , any refuse, sand, earth, granite chips, gravel, clay, manure, shavings, stone, straw or any other similar matter or thing in any vehicle through or along any street unless the refuse, sand, earth, granite chips, gravel, clay, manure, shavings, stone, straw or matter or thing is completely covered <u>in a manner that ensures that the refuse, sand, earth, granite chips, gravel, clay, manure, shavings, stone, straw or matter or thing is not dropped, scattered or spilled from the vehicle.</u>	(i) Besides drivers, companies owning tipper trucks and employers of drivers have responsibility in ensuring that materials are safely transported in public places (ii) Allow more flexibility for commercial transport companies to install suitable truck covers to prevent spillage of materials onto the roads

2 Based on the amended regulations, **companies that own tipper trucks and employers of drivers** are now liable for enforcement under the following scenarios:

- (a) Tipper truck covers are missing; or
- (b) Tipper truck covers are non-functioning (faulty and does not close, or torn or too small) and as a result, do not completely cover the loads.

Refer to Annex for more information on the scenarios where enforcement action would be taken.

3 Tipper truck drivers, companies that own tipper trucks and employers of drivers are reminded to adopt the following measures:

- (a) Companies/employers to ensure that trucks are installed with suitable covers;
- (b) Companies/employers to conduct regular checks on the truck covers and replace faulty or torn covers;
- (c) Companies/employers to ensure that truck covers are intact and functioning normally before the vehicle moves off;
- (d) Truck drivers should ensure that the truck loads are:(a) below the height of the truck's tailboard, (b) properly secured and (c) completely covered by the cover before moving off; and
- (e) Truck drivers to drive safely to prevent materials spillage.

4 We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents on this circular to your members. Should you need clarifications, please submit your enquiry via <https://www.nea.gov.sg/corporate-functions/feedback> or myENV mobile application.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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GENERAL GUIDELINES ON TIPPER TRUCK COVERS

Spillage of materials from trucks on public roads endangers the safety of other motorists. The spillage is likely to occur when the truck load exceeds the recommended capacity of the truck and/or the height of the tailboard, and when the load is not completely covered. Regular checks and maintenance of covers are important to ensure that they are functional and able to properly cover the load in order to prevent any spillage in public places.

2 Companies/employers of drivers shall ensure that the trucks are fitted with functioning covers that are not faulty or torn. Refer to **Table A** for the recommended practice, and **Table B** for scenarios where enforcement action would be taken.

3 Please also refer to the circular (NEA Ref: EPHOG/SCD/Circular/02) for more information on measures to prevent materials spillage from tipper trucks and amendments to the legislations.

4 If you require any clarification on the contents of this document, please contact NEA via the [Online Feedback form](#) or myENV mobile application.

Table A

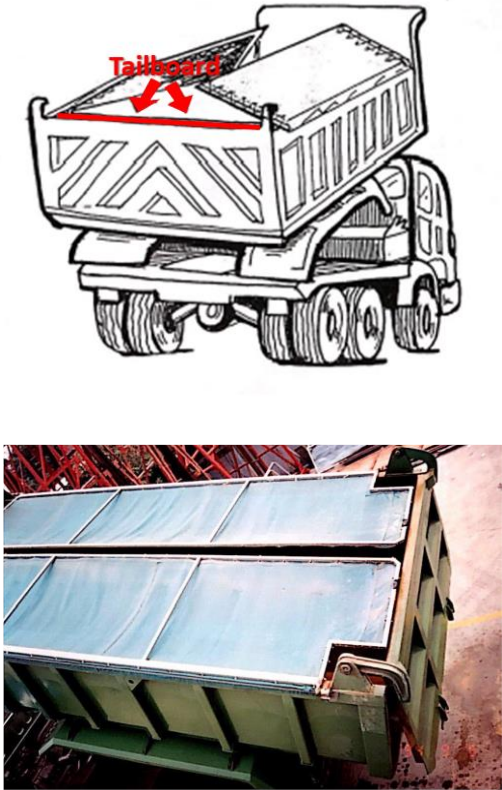


S/N	Recommended practice	Sample Images
1	Cover is horizontal when truck is plying public roads and load transported is below the height of the tailboard.	 <p>The 'Sample Images' column contains two visual references. The top image is a line drawing of a tipper truck with its bed raised. A red horizontal line is drawn across the top of the load area, with the word 'Tailboard' written in red above it and two red arrows pointing down to the line. The bottom image is a photograph of a green tipper truck with a blue tarp cover that is laid flat and horizontal over the load.</p>

Table B

S/N	Scenarios where enforcement action would be taken	Sample Images
1	Truck loads exceed the height of tailboard and are not completely covered	
2	Trucks with torn/defective covers	
3	Uncovered trucks	