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A large group of UK construction companies have come together to encourage waste management contractors to join a new waste data regime which would make them commit to stricter reporting standards.

British Standards Institution Looks To Introduce Better Waste Reporting

The UK Contractors Group (UKCG), which includes a variety of firms within the industry such as Kier, Balfour Beatty and Skanska. They think that the PAS 402 regime developed in Wales by the British Standards Institution (BSI) should be rolled out across the country.

PAS 402 was set up in 2009 in conjunction with Constructing Excellence in Wales (CEW). It sets out how organisations should report their performance in diverting waste from landfill and recovering waste materials. The BSI believes that the standard could help businesses save up to 83% of waste from landfill.

A UKCG statement read: "By contracting waste organisations that meet the requirements of PAS 402, UKCG members will gain greater assurance in the data provided and confirmation that the practices employed represent current industry best practice."

Rob Lambe, chairman of the UKCG Environment Group and managing director of Willmott Dixon Energy Services, said: "The scheme has been successful in Wales, and it is now time to start extending this into England. UKCG members are committed to reporting data on waste, and PAS 402 will provide greater assurance that the information being provided by waste management contractors is as robust as possible."

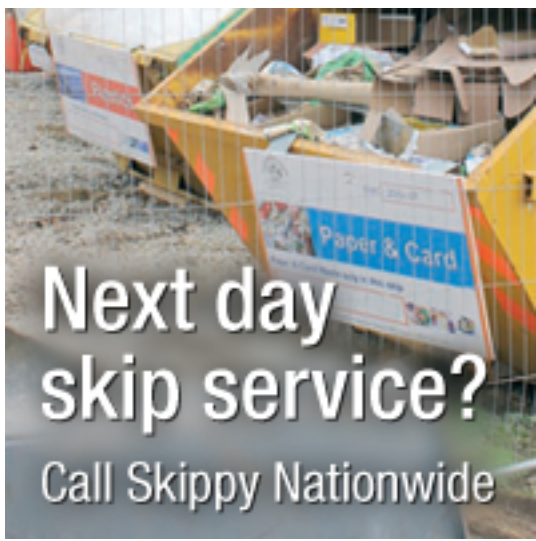
Currently not enough data is collecting regarding waste collection practices, and the results they achieve. By introducing these new measures, collective figures for the country can be created which will help the relevant authorities to find the problematic areas in the industry and address them in a quick and efficient manner.

Paul Jennings, director of the construction and demolition waste programme at CEW, said: "We are already in dialogue with additional inspection bodies, and this statement from the major construction companies in the UK will, I am sure, provide them with the confidence to now press ahead with adding PAS 402 to their schedules. We look forward to seeing a significant uptake of PAS 402 in England and the rest of the UK."

In 2013 Defra got rid of [SWMP](#) regulations as part of the Government's Red Tape Challenge, even though many companies within the industry supported the scheme and still continue to use aspect of it for their projects. However they are still used on many building sites as they help companies reach sustainability goals and save money from avoiding wastage.

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