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Cyprus International University Waste Management and Disposal Policy

Purpose

Cyprus International University recognizes the critical role of waste management in developing a sustainable environment. This policy sets out CIU's commitment to minimizing waste generation, promoting the circular economy, and ensuring the environmentally sound disposal of hazardous materials. Through these applications, we aim to promote sustainable waste management practices across Cyprus.

Definition of Waste

Waste is identified as a product and/or material that has fulfilled its use and is no longer useful to the user, thus as an item that the user is willing to discard.

Scope

This policy applies to all members of the CIU community, including students, staff, faculty, contractors, suppliers, and waste management partners. The University's suppliers, providers, and waste disposal operators are also responsible and must commit to the policy.

Policy Statement

CIU is committed to:

- Reducing waste at source through responsible procurement and consumption practices.
- Promoting reuse, recycling, and recovery as primary waste management strategies.
- Ensuring safe and compliant disposal of hazardous and special waste materials.
- Protecting the health and safety of the campus community and surrounding environment.
- Monitoring, recording, and reporting waste management activities transparently for continuous improvement and accountability.

Waste Management Policy Integration

To achieve optimal waste management, the university is implementing the following:

- 1—**Reduce:** Limit purchase and consumption to reduce waste generation.
- 2—**Reuse:** Promote reuse of items wherever possible before disposal.
- 3- **Recycle:** Ensure all recyclable items are properly separated and recycled through certified contractors.
- 4- **Measure and Record:** Measure and record a particular amount of waste. Measuring and recording waste and recycled products will allow the university to monitor and improve waste management.

Recyclable Items

Any item that is not reusable shall be recycled if possible. The University is working closely with contractors for waste management. Where the items cannot be recycled/reused on-site, they will be sent to recycling companies for optimal waste management. If the items can be recycled/reused on-site, it reduces expense. Any item to be discarded must be channeled through the relevant labeled bins. The university also aims to take further action to minimize paper waste.

Hazardous Waste Management

Hazardous waste includes any waste material that is **toxic, flammable, corrosive, reactive, infectious, radioactive, carcinogenic, mutagenic, or otherwise harmful** to human health or the environment.

Processes for Hazardous Waste Management:

1. **Segregation and Labeling**
 - Hazardous waste must be clearly labeled and stored separately from general waste.
 - Containers must meet safety standards and include hazard symbols.
2. **Storage and Handling**
 - Only authorized and trained personnel are permitted to handle hazardous waste.
 - Hazardous waste must be stored in secure, ventilated, and designated areas with secondary containment.
3. **Documentation and Records**
 - All hazardous waste must be logged in a centralized register, documenting type, quantity, storage location, and disposal method.
 - Records must be retained for compliance with national regulations and international best practices.
4. **Disposal**
 - Hazardous waste must be disposed of only through **licensed and certified waste management contractors**.
 - CIU prohibits unauthorized handling or disposal of hazardous waste by unapproved contractors.
5. **Training and Awareness**
 - All relevant staff must receive training on hazardous waste handling, emergency response, and reporting procedures.
 - Awareness campaigns will ensure students and staff understand hazardous waste protocols.
6. **Emergency Preparedness**
 - Spill response kits and protective equipment must be available at all hazardous waste storage locations.
 - Emergency response procedures must be tested and updated regularly.

Monitoring and Reporting

Annual Audits – CIU will conduct annual internal audits of hazardous waste management.

Compliance Reporting – Records and reports will be submitted to relevant authorities as required.

Public Transparency – Progress and performance will be reported in CIU's annual Sustainability Report

Responsibilities

- **Facilities and Environment Directorate** – Lead responsibility for implementation, monitoring, and reporting.
- **Academic and Administrative Units** – Ensure waste from laboratories, offices, and events follows the policy.
- **Suppliers and Contractors** – Must comply with CIU's waste management and hazardous disposal requirements.
- **All Employees and Students** – Expected to use waste segregation facilities and follow safety instructions.

Through this policy, CIU commits to ensuring that **all waste, including hazardous materials, is managed safely, responsibly, and transparently**. By aligning with **SDG 12**, the University supports global efforts to minimize adverse impacts of chemicals and waste on human health and the environment, while setting an example of responsible higher education practice.