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***NOTICE: CWZ Exemption for Rendering Material
& Ongoing Program Roll Out***

To All Trade Waste Licensees:

The **Business Integrity Commission (BIC)**, in consultation with **New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY)**, issues this communication to clarify that food that is sold to farmers for feedstock and meat byproducts that are sold to a rendering company are exempted from the Commercial Waste Zone (CWZ) program per the definition of “organic waste” in NYC Administrative Code § 16-1000 and may be **collected directly from commercial establishments by non-CWZ awardees** with the proper BIC license.

This notice may be distributed to customers or other interested parties for clarification.

Additionally, BIC and DSNY urge all trade waste licensees that engage in collection of ‘commercial waste’ and are therefore impacted by the ongoing CWZ roll out **to stay up-to-date with the latest information and program schedule**. You can find more information on [DSNY’s website here](#).

As a reminder, the following types of trade waste must be collected by entities with the appropriate BIC license or registration, but are **exempted from CWZ** and therefore can continue to be collected by non-CWZ awardees in implemented zones:

- Construction and demolition debris
- Fill material
- Medical waste
- Electronic waste
- Textiles
- Yard waste collected by landscapers
- Grease
- Paper that is collected for the purpose of shredding or destruction
- Waste that is collected by a micro-hauler
- Waste collected by a one-time, on-call bulk waste removal service

Questions for BIC can be [submitted online here](#).

Questions for the DSNY Bureau of Commercial Waste can be [submitted online here](#).

Thank you for your attention to these matters.