ANNEX C

The Waste Hierarchy

The most effective environmental solution is often to reduce the generation of waste, including the re-use of products – *prevention*\(^\text{16}\)

- products that have become waste can be checked, cleaned or repaired so that they can be re-used – *preparing for re-use*

- waste materials can be reprocessed into products, materials, or substances – *recycling*

- waste can serve a useful purpose by replacing other materials that would otherwise have been used – *other recovery*

- the least desirable solution where none of the above options is appropriate – *disposal.*

\(^{16}\) The full definition of each level of the waste hierarchy is set out in Article 3 of the revised Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC)