

> OUR FOCUS. YOUR INDUSTRY.

Our success has been built on the simple principle of sticking to what we do best. In other words, we concentrate solely on providing specialist advice in the key areas of most importance to our clients, based on a thorough understanding of the unique issues and pressures affecting the business environments and industries in which they operate.

Over the years, this has resulted in the development of particular expertise in certain industry sectors... including yours.

So what does this actually mean for you? Our focus on your industry offers the convenience of a 'one-stop shop' for expert advice on every aspect of UK law and key areas of EU law relating to the industry in general and the running of your business in particular. It means the reassurance of having strategic partners on your side you can always rely on to keep you ahead on key industry developments, from new regulation to industry specific tax breaks. Most of all, it means the benefit of working with people who not only know what they're talking about but understand what you're talking about too.

Dedicated to your industry, dedicated to your interests – who better to trust than the dedicated team of industry experts at Semple Fraser?

Semple Fraser chosen markets:
Finance
Commercial Property
Construction & Engineering
Waste

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INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS
> WASTE

› THE DISTINCTIVE CHOICE FOR THE WASTE INDUSTRY

Full commercial contract services

Incineration Directive advisory & compliance

Landfill Directive & EU Waste Acceptance Criteria compliance

Regulatory defence, litigation & dispute resolution

Waste producers' legal compliance & risk solutions service

« In our global business, the depth of academic knowledge and practical application of EU law and transboundary legal complications in the environment and pollution fields, supplied by the team at Semple Fraser, is indispensable. »

David Westwood, Senior Vice-President, Environment, Europe, Middle East and Africa, URS Corporation

« The excellent work of Vincent Brown and his team of specialists has led to a victory and the result means we can continue production and sales. »

Andrew McNair, Managing Director, OSS Group

« Three things impressed us most about Semple Fraser's environment team: first was the sheer range and depth of their specialist knowledge, yet with the ability always to see the broader picture, and how all these complicated legal strands intersected; secondly their ability to use EU law as a proper legal weapon, forcing regulatory U-turns; and finally their determination and tenacity on our behalf - having them on your side is like having a (well-trained) Rottweiler at your disposal. »

Mary Turner, J&M Turner, a farming partnership, Campbeltown

› WASTE

Specialist legal advice for waste producers, managers and contractors:

- Is my material waste?
- Has it reached product status?
- Industrial risk solutions on moving target EU law
- It is hazardous / non-hazardous?

For most industrial operators and for the vast UK waste industry, the legal regulation of waste is a severe headache, with very significant commercial ramifications which are buried deep in complex EU and UK laws which are still in a state of frustrating transition and uncertainty. We all know that industry – across many sectors – has been left to flounder as national governments and their agencies struggle to give the clear “steers” and co-operation needed for business compliance.

It affects most of the big waste producing sectors – landfill, incineration/co-incineration, “WEEE”, construction and demolition, packaging, land spreading and composting, brownfield remediation, vehicles and tyres, sewage sludge and urban waste water, mining and quarrying, chemicals, the vast offshore and onshore oil industries, and sundry others.

This has been the story whatever your waste “management” angle – treatment, recovery, storage, recycling – and especially if you are in the business of regeneration of waste to product specifications.

We are industrial lawyers with a Brussels connection and technical industry understanding.

We know the problems which are out there, because we represent many industrial producers and managers, in court and out of court.

We know that the lawmakers in Brussels are still writing the law to try and meet the problems, because we act for them in dealing with governments across several EU Member States in the interpretation and implementation of EU Waste legislation and case law. We have our “seat at the table” with our main non-industrial client, the European Commission and we know the EU law intimately. We have to...

In the meantime, business has to cope and make revenue despite the regulatory obstacle course. Our unique focus enables us to provide advice that allows them to do that. Our streamlined legal services and products ensure the industrial client gets what he or she wants, bespoke to his or her commercial objectives.

› TRACK RECORD

OSS Group

High profile victory in the Court of Appeal in London, successfully defeating the UK Government and the Environment Agency on a matter of European Union Law of fundamental importance across the whole of European industry - the notoriously difficult legal complications which have plagued and hampered the industrial manufacturing of secondary products from hazardous waste. Significance of the case increased by background of further ongoing development by the European Commission of the main Waste Directives in Brussels.

European Commission

We have been advising and in detailed consultation with the European Union, through the agency of the Commission, since 2004, in connection with the process of the transposition into the laws of certain Member States in eastern and western Europe of all of the principal Waste Directives, including the Waste Framework Directive (75/442/EEC), the Hazardous Waste Directive (91/689/EEC), the Landfill Directive (99/31/EC), the Waste Incineration Directive (2000/76/EC), and the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive (2002/96/EC).

Marathon Oil UK Limited

Our international credentials were strengthened by our delivery to this Fortune 500 listed multi-national oil exploration company of a streamlined and practical risk assessment and solutions product in connection with the applicability to certain offshore waste streams of international, EU and UK laws in the context of the ongoing transition in the offshore legal regimes.

Scomi Oiltools (Shetland) Limited

Leading advisory role in advancing the case for this North Sea oil services to secure certain key legal product status under EU law for the product lines generated by them from off shore waste streams.

Kilbride Industrial Services

Providing strategic advice on EU and UK waste law to these specialists in liquid waste treatment.

Scomi Oiltools (Europe) Limited

Advised this multi-national oil services corporation in connection with with the transfrontier shipment of certain waste substances and products to Far East markets, applying relevant EU and international law to the issue.

London & Merchant Securities plc and Caledonian Properties

Provided strategic, contractual and regulatory advice to this property company with regard to the applicability of EU and UK hazardous waste laws to landfill operations and related property re-development, including full project management and co-ordination of major landfill restoration project.

WH Malcolm Limited

Advised this leading national waste contractor in respect of commercial issues affecting business operations pursuant to Landfill Directive and landfill permitting.

BAE Systems

Advising in relation to the contractual and legal regulatory aspects of property development.

Oran Group

Advising the leading waste management division of the Oran Group in connection with PPC and waste management licensing aspects of MBT.

Print Cloths Limited

Advising this leading UK processor and recycler of industrial textiles on strategic business direction in context of current and upcoming EU waste law; also advising and providing bespoke contract drafting in connection with major hazardous waste recycling and disposal contracts.

VHE Construction plc

Advising and representing this major UK brownfield land reclamation/remediation and bulk/specialist earthworks contractor, which has won national awards for its recycling achievements, in respect of regulatory matters associated with such works.