Exempt processors as described below are exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit and must only register with the Department. Such facilities may also be exempt from other requirements including financial assurance.

**Which processors may request exemption?**

1. Facilities that produce an end-use material from ground or crumb rubber derived from scrap tires purchased from another facility.
2. Facilities that use component parts of tire materials as a substitute raw material.
3. Facilities that uses tire-derived fuel in any manner.

**Application Process**

- Applications should be submitted to ADEM by completing and submitting ADEM Form 537 which can be obtained by visiting [www.adem.state.al.us](http://www.adem.state.al.us) and clicking on “Forms”.
- Fees should be submitted to ADEM along with a completed Form 537.
- Current permit fees may be found on the ADEM web site in Division 1 Regulations, Fee Schedule I or by calling 334-271-7988.
- ADEM will not be able to review a request for exemption if sufficient information is not submitted with the application.
- ADEM will notify the processor if approval for exemption has been made.

**NOTE:** The ADEM exemption will specify the limit of tire material that can be accumulated and stored at the facility as well as any other special handling requirements.

**Regulations for Exempt Processors**

- Exempt Processors must comply with regulatory requirements for storage and vector control.
- Exempt Processors must comply with regulatory requirements for manifesting and maintenance of operating record and all other applicable requirements of ADEM Administration Code 335-4.

**Expiration**
Exemptions granted to processors will only be valid for a three (3) year period.
Application for renewal of exemption can be made on ADEM Form 537 and should be submitted to ADEM at least forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration date of the current exemption.

What to do if changes occur at the processing facility

- If processes or conditions that originally gave reason for exemption for the facility change during the period of exemption then the facility should notify ADEM within thirty (30) days of the change.
- ADEM may discontinue the exemption if changes reported by the facility require a permit.
- Exemptions can be transferred to a new facility owner by way of ADEM Form 330 which can be obtained by visiting www.adem.state.al.us and clicking on “Forms”.

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