



The Waste Shipment Regulation

**Council Regulation (EEC) No 259/93 of
1 February 1993
and revised new regulation**



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Presentation

- **Current regulation adopted in 1993**
- **New revised regulation soon to be formally adopted**
- **International agreements: Basel Convention/UN and OECD**
- **Specific regulations for exports of non-hazardous ('green') waste**



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Objectives

- **Ensure environmental protection when waste is shipped within the EU/to and from third countries**
- **Avoid that waste ends up at inappropriate locations**
- **Implement international agreements**



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Level of requirements and controls:

- **Which category of waste?**
- **Which type of treatment for the waste?**
- **Which destination?**



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Key requirements for shipments of hazardous- and semi-hazardous waste

- **Persons who wish to ship waste shall submit a prior written notification**
- **Detailed information shall be provided, incl. source, producer, contents, routing and treatment**



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Key requirements for shipments of hazardous- and semi-hazardous waste

- **A contract shall be concluded with the consignee for the treatment of the waste**
- **A financial guarantee shall be established**
- **Waste shall be taken back if a shipment is illegal or cannot be completed**



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Key requirements for shipments of hazardous- and semi-hazardous waste

- **The competent authorities have to give their consent in writing**
- **Additional information may be requested from the notifier**



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Key requirements for shipments of non-hazardous ('green') waste

- **Specific information shall accompany the waste, incl. source, producer, category, destination**
- **Contract between person who ships waste and consignee who recovers waste**



Objections to shipments between Member States

➤ **Waste for disposal:**

**Principles of proximity and self-
sufficiency / Environmental protection**

➤ **Waste for recovery:**

Environmental protection



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The Basel Convention Ban and the EU Ban

- **Ban on exports of hazardous waste to non-OECD countries**
- **Ban on exports of waste for disposal outside the EU and EFTA**



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Exports of hazardous waste for recovery to OECD countries:

- **The shipment regulation**

Exports of non-hazardous waste for recovery outside the OECD:

- **Council Regulation 1420/99**



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Main objectives of new regulation

- **Implement the Basel Convention and the OECD Decision/pursue global harmonisation of requirements for transboundary shipments**
- **Clarify and improve the provisions and structure of the current 1993 regulation**



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Main changes of new regulation

- **Simplified procedural framework**
 - **Number of procedures**
 - **Notification to one authority**
 - **Electronic system of notifications**
- **Clarification of requirements**
 - **Who has to notify and take back waste?**
 - **Mixtures of waste**
 - **Environmentally sound management**
 - **Information when shipping 'green' waste**



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Main changes of new regulation

- **Strengthened enforcement**
 - **Member States shall provide for inspections and spot checks**
 - **Co-operation between authorities**
 - **Reporting to the Commission**

- **Objections to waste shipments**
 - **Waste for disposal**
 - **Waste for recovery**