The Waste Shipment Regulation

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
Council Regulation (EEC) on the shipments of waste

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?
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.
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
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
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
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Objections to shipments between Member States

- **Waste for disposal:**
  
  Principles of proximity and self-sufficiency / Environmental protection

- **Waste for recovery:**
  
  Environmental protection
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
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
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
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
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