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Instructions for shipping green-listed waste

As a general rule, a permit is required for transfrontier shipments of waste. Shipments of non-hazardous, so-called green-listed waste for recovery constitute an exception to this rule.

This guidance gives information on the requirements related to shipping of green-listed waste.

The legal background is set forth in the Regulation (EC) No. 1013/2006 on shipments of waste. Articles 3 and 18 of the Regulation concern shipments of green-listed waste.



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Requirements for applying the green-listed waste procedure

The following requirements concerning the country of destination and the classification and treatment of the waste shall be met if the amount of waste shipped exceeds 20 kg.

1. The waste is classified as green-listed

The waste shall be classified as green-listed according to Regulation (EC) No. 1013/2006 on shipments of waste. This means that the waste shall be listed in Annex III, IIIA or IIIB of the Regulation. Wastes listed in Annex IIIB are classified as green-listed waste only within the EU.

Green-listed waste includes such waste that does not pose a likely risk to the environment when shipped for recovery. Examples: scrap metal (B1010), paper waste (B3020) and electronic scrap and reclaimed electronic components suitable for base and precious metal recovery (GC020).

WASTE PURITY

In general, the purity of green-listed waste has to be over 90 w-%. Stricter requirements may be applied to certain wastes. There might also be specific national requirements.

The applicable waste codes are found in the following appendices of Regulation (EC) No. 1013/2006 on shipments of waste:

- Annex III, Annex IIIA and Annex IIIB
- Annex V, Part 1, List B

Regardless of whether or not wastes are included in the annexes referred to above, they may not be classified as green-listed waste if they are contaminated by other materials that are hazardous or prevent the recovery of the waste in an environmentally sound manner. Check that the classification is also valid in the country of destination.

2. The waste is shipped for recovery

The waste is shipped for a recovery operation. Recovery operations (R-codes) are listed in Annex II to Directive 2008/98/EC on waste.

The export of waste for disposal always requires a permit, regardless of whether or not it has hazardous properties. An exception is a shipment of waste for laboratory analysis that does not exceed 25 kg.

PLASTIC WASTE

Plastic waste, among others, may contain persistent organic pollutants (POPs). Note the requirements for the management of such waste. Provisions on management of waste containing POPs are laid down in Regulation (EC) No. 850/2004.



3. Country of destination

Shipments of green-listed waste within the EU/OECD area are allowed. There are country-specific requirements for shipments for recovery outside the OECD area.

EXPORTS TO CHINA

China has implemented new import restrictions for certain wastes since 1 January 2018. The import ban includes many wastes, such as mixed plastic waste, unsorted paper waste and textile waste.

EXPORTERS RESPONSIBILITY

The waste exporter is obliged to verify whether a permit is required for the waste shipment (the so-called notification procedure) or whether the green-listed waste procedure is applicable.

The requirements are provided for in Regulation (EC) No. 1418/2007. The applicable procedures are determined for the export of wastes which are classified according to the Basel Convention or the OECD Decree. The export of certain wastes to these non-OECD countries is either prohibited, requires a permit, subject to the green-listed waste procedure, or governed by specific regulations that apply in the country of destination. Country-specific requirements are updated in the regulation on a regular basis.

Requirements for shipping green-listed waste

The following procedure shall apply in case the above-mentioned requirements for green-listed waste procedure exist.

1. Annex VII document shall accompany the shipment

Exporters of green-listed waste shall ensure that the Annex VII document of (EC) Regulation No. 1013/2006 on shipments of waste accompanies the shipment from the start until the shipment arrives at the recovery facility. Detailed instructions for filling in the document are presented in *Correspondents' guidelines No. 10*.

Note that:

- “the person who arranges shipment” has to be under the jurisdiction of the country of dispatch
- the consignee (like a dealer, broker or corporate body) has to be under the jurisdiction of the country of destination and must possess or have some other form of legal control over the waste at the moment the shipment arrives in the country of destination (the country appearing in the address of block 7 should be the same as that in block 2)

2. Contract between the exporter (the person who arranges the shipment) and the consignee

A contract between the exporter and the consignee according to Article 18 of (EC) Regulation No. 1013/2006 on shipments of waste shall be valid when the shipment is dispatched. An example template of such a contract is presented in *Correspondents' guidelines No. 10*.

3. Other requirements

The Annex VII document and the contract shall be presented to the authorities inspecting waste shipments upon demand.

Only permitted/registered waste carriers should be used for the waste shipments. The exporter, the consignee and the recovery facility shall retain all documents related to the shipments for at least three years from the day of a shipment.

Check the reporting requirements for the shipments from the competent authority in your country and in the country of destination.

Illegal shipments

If the requirements for shipping green-listed waste are not met, the shipments may be considered illegal. It is also illegal to export hazardous or unlisted waste as green-listed waste without a waste shipment permit.

Illegal shipments related to shipments of green-listed waste are defined in Article 2(35)(g)(iii) of (EC) Regulation No. 1013/2006 on shipments of waste. Examples of illegal shipments are: Annex VII document is missing or important information in this document is missing (including the signature in block 12) or is not correct.

Legislation

Consolidated regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on shipments of waste (EC) No. 1013/2006

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02006R1013-20160101&from=EN>

Consolidated regulation (EC) No. 1418/2007 on shipment of green-listed waste to non-OECD countries

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02007R1418-20140718&from=EN>

Directive 2008/98/EC on waste

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32008L0098&from=FI>

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants (EC) No. 850/2004

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32004R0850&from=DE>

Guidelines

Correspondents' guidelines No. 10

Shipments of waste pursuant to Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No. 1013/2006 on shipments of waste

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/shipments/pdf/correspondents_guidelines10_en.pdf

Threshold values established by EU Member States for contaminants in "green"-listed wastes

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/shipments/pdf/Threshold%20values.pdf>

Classifying Green List waste under the "Waste Shipments Regulation" (Regulation No. 1013/2006) – practical guidelines

https://www.impel.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/guideline-Greenlistet-waste_120316.pdf

Country contacts (competent authorities)

Denmark: Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark

<http://mst.dk/affald-jord/affald/import-og-eksport-af-affald>

Finland: Finnish Environment Institute

<http://www.environment.fi/tfs>

Norway: Norwegian Environment Agency

<http://www.miljodirektoratet.no/en>

Sweden: The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.swedishepa.se>



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