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The EU has implemented procedural requirements regarding transboundary waste shipments in the EU in the form of Regulations since 1993¹. The rules have always been stricter for the shipment of hazardous waste, requiring a prior consent, pursuant to the Basel Convention².

The classification of waste as hazardous or not is largely harmonised at EU level through the implementation of the Waste Framework Directive³ and the establishment of the European List of Waste⁴. This list is a comprehensive list of waste codes and descriptions used for classifying all wastes, distinguishing hazardous from non-hazardous waste.

The Waste Shipment Regulation⁵ empowers the Commission to identify, via delegated acts, specific non-hazardous waste streams which should be subject to the ‘green-list’ procedure for the purpose of shipments for recovery between Member States. The aim of this empowerment is to further harmonise the classification of waste for the purpose of shipping it between Member States, where needed. A recent public consultation⁶ gathered information from stakeholders to prepare a delegated act ‘green-listing’ certain waste to facilitate the shipments of waste for recovery within the EU.

The Commission will, in the context of the review mandated by Article 84 of the Regulation, assess the efficiency of the procedure of prior written notification and consent by analysing elements such as the number of objections and consents, and the time between the submission of and a decision taken on a notification. The Commission may use data stored in the upcoming Digital Waste Shipment System⁷ for this purpose.

¹ Council Regulation (EEC) No 259/93 of 1 February 1993 on the supervision and control of shipments of waste within, into and out of the European Community, OJ L 30, 6.2.1993, pp. 1–28, replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste, OJ L 190, 12.7.2006, pp. 1–98, replaced by Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on shipments of waste, OJ L, 2024/1157, 30.4.2024.

² www.basel.int.

³ Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives, OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, pp. 3–30.

⁴ <https://interoperable-europe.ec.europa.eu/collection/eu-semantic-interoperability-catalogue/solution/list-wastes>.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on shipments of waste, amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) 2020/1056 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006, OJ L, 2024/1157, 30.4.2024.

⁶ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14712-Green-listing-certain-waste-for-the-purposes-of-shipments-to-recovery-between-Member-States/public-consultation_en.

⁷ DIWASS, https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/waste-and-recycling/waste-shipments/implementation-waste-shipment-regulation_en.