

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002700/26
to the Commission
Wouter Beke (PPE)
(30 June 2026)**

Subject: Divergent application of Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 and technical issues affecting DIWASS

Since 21 May 2026, Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 has made all exports of plastic waste subject to a prior notification and consent procedure. Significant divergences in the application of the new rules have emerged between Member States, creating distortions of competition within the internal market. Furthermore, several technical issues affecting the export notification platform, the Digital Waste Shipment System (DIWASS), are preventing competent authorities from transferring notifications, with no resolution currently in sight.

1. Is the Commission aware of the divergent interpretations and applications of Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 by Member States, as well as the technical issues affecting DIWASS?
2. What steps is the Commission taking to address the competitive distortions arising from divergent national interpretations as of the date of application?
3. When does the Commission expect the technical issues affecting DIWASS to be resolved and what interim measures are in place to prevent further operational harm to waste management operators?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
(25 August 2026)**

The Commission is in contact with Member States' competent authorities to promote a uniform application of the new rules introduced by the Waste Shipment Regulation ⁽¹⁾ including with regards to the prior notification and consent procedure for exports of plastic.

The Commission does its utmost to provide necessary guidance through discussing practical implementation challenges in the Expert Group on Waste and following up bilaterally where necessary.

As regards the Digital Waste Shipment System (DIWASS) ⁽²⁾, the system has been operational for the prior notification and consent procedure since its launch on 21 May 2026.

All reported technical shortcomings and key suggestions for improvement, which are not uncommon for a newly launched information technology (IT) system, are handled by a dedicated response mechanism.

In addition, the Commission IT team publishes, on a regular basis, release notes to inform users of any changes of the system in advance.

Finally, the Commission holds weekly calls with IT developers from the Member States that operate their local systems, in order to ensure smooth interconnection between the DIWASS and those systems.

⁽¹⁾ 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 1157 30.4.2024, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ https://green-forum.ec.europa.eu/green-business/digital-waste-shipment-system-diwass_en.