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The digitalisation of waste shipment procedures is one of the key objectives of the new Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR)¹.

The Commission has been intensively working, in close cooperation with Member States and economic operators, to develop the Digital Waste Shipment System (DIWASS)².

Setting up a digital platform is by nature an iterative process. In this respect, during the meeting of the Expert Group on Waste on 27 March 2026, it was confirmed that, for the purpose of submitting and managing requests for a prior consent for shipments of hazardous waste and other 'notified' waste (like mixed municipal waste), the digitalisation started on 21 May 2026. DIWASS will be fully operational to this end.

On the other hand, concerning the exchange of transport documents for green-listed waste shipments, in the period between 21 May to 31 December 2026, the required documents (contained in Annex VII of the WSR) should be handled in the same manner as they have been until now (i.e. mostly in paper format)³.

The Commission has no empowerment to modify the requirements for the 2 days deadline in Article 18(5). Nevertheless, the Commission will continue to monitor the application of this provision in practice, including the effects on efficiency.

The Commission does not intend to modify the WSR on these points in the short term. The priority is to ensure DIWASS works as smoothly as possible so that the conditions under which economic operators ship waste between EU Member States are facilitated and not made more complicated.

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, 2024/1157, 30.4.2024.

² https://green-forum.ec.europa.eu/green-business/digital-waste-shipment-system-diwass_en.

³ Further practical details on the exchange of Annex VII documents in the Annex of the meeting report <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/meetings/consult?lang=en&meetingId=68995&fromExpertGroups=3343>.