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## **Frequently Asked Questions on EU Regulation 2024/1157 on Shipments of Waste**

### **Important Notice**

This document is a resource for operators involved in the shipment of waste between GB and the EU. It is not intended to be a comprehensive set of instructions on how to comply with new EU Regulation 2024/1157.

UK Regulation 1013/2006 on Shipments of Waste continues to apply to all movements of waste from, to, or transiting through GB. If you are involved in shipments of waste between GB and the EU you should be aware of your obligations under both UK and EU law. To ensure you are meeting EU requirements you should refer to EU Regulation 2024/1157 and/or consult the relevant EU Competent Authority.

All questions on EU Regulation 2024/1157 should be directed to an EU Competent Authority or the European Commission.

### **EU Digital Waste Shipments System (DIWASS)**

The EU has launched a Digital Waste Shipments System (DIWASS) which can be used by operators in third countries to share information and documentation, including notification applications and movement documents with EU Competent Authorities and operators. There is no obligation on operators or Competent Authorities in GB to use DIWASS.

Please see more information in further sections of this document on whether the individual GB Competent Authorities will accept documentation through DIWASS.

More general information on DIWASS can be found on the EU's website here: [https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/waste-and-recycling/waste-shipments/implementation-waste-shipment-regulation\\_en](https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/waste-and-recycling/waste-shipments/implementation-waste-shipment-regulation_en)

### **Exporting waste from GB to the EU under notification controls**

#### **1. How do I apply for a notification?**

If you intend to export notifiable waste from **England or Wales to the EU** you should continue to apply for consent for export notifications through IWS Online and then provide the full notification package via email. You must fulfil the requirements set out in UK Regulation 1013/2006. The EA and NRW will not accept documentation through DIWASS.

If you intend to export notifiable waste from **Scotland to the EU** you have the option of submitting your application via DIWASS, IWS Online, or by email to SEPA. SEPA will be trialling DIWASS until 31 December 2026.

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In all circumstances you must continue to fulfil the requirements set out in UK Regulation 1013/2006, and charges for the export of notifiable waste will continue to apply.

For more information on applying for a notification, you should consult existing guidance on the website of the relevant GB Competent Authority. This guidance can be found at the following links:

The Environment Agency (England): <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-waste#exporting-waste-under-notification-controls>

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (Scotland): <https://beta.sepa.scot/regulation/authorisations-and-compliance/waste-export-and-import/>

Natural Resources Wales (Wales): <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/waste-permitting/guidance-on-importing-and-exporting-waste/?lang=en>

## 2. What am I required to do under the new EU Waste Shipments Regulation?

Under EU Regulation 2024/1157, a number of new requirements apply from 21 May 2026 that impact shipments of waste between the EU and GB. To ensure you are meeting these requirements, and your shipments proceed without delay, you should refer to EU Regulation 2024/1157 and/or consult the relevant EU Competent Authority.

To assist GB businesses to adjust to the new EU rules we have highlighted some of the key new requirements below.

### Contract

Under Article 5(7) of EU Regulation 2024/1157 you must **always** include a copy of the contract concluded with the receiving facility with your notification application, as well as sign the declaration that the contract exists located in the Notification Document.

In GB, SEPA and NRW also require a copy of the contract to be submitted at the time of application. The Environment Agency may ask for a copy of the contract but does not always require it.

### Movement Document

The EU has updated the Waste Movement Document in Annex IB to Regulation 2024/1157. The amendments include:

- The inclusion of an extra field “*container identification number, if applicable*”, located at Box 2a.
- The addition of fields for the provision of information on the quantity of waste prepared for re-use, recycled, recovered or disposed of, in Box 19

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- The addition of “Bale” to the list of options under ‘Packaging Type’ in Block 7.

A signed Waste Movement document must be provided to the EU Competent Authorities at least **2 days** in advance of shipment. The EU, however, allows information on the actual quantity of the waste, carrier or carriers and, where applicable, container identification number to be submitted to the EU Competent Authority at the latest before the start of the shipment. Please note that under Regulation 1013/2006 you are required to submit the Movement Document to the relevant GB Competent Authority at least 3 days in advance of shipment.

The GB Competent Authorities will accept the EU Movement Document to avoid GB businesses having to use two different Movement Documents. Defra is exploring with the GB Competent Authorities whether relevant updates can also be made to IWS Online.

### **3. How do I submit my notification or movement documents to EU competent authorities if I do not use DIWASS?**

GB operators can continue to send Notification and Movement Documents to EU Competent Authorities by post or email. Competent Authorities and their contact details can be found on the EU website here:

[https://environment.ec.europa.eu/document/download/f4cea02d-7ce8-4a75-917f-a92a13c0656e\\_en](https://environment.ec.europa.eu/document/download/f4cea02d-7ce8-4a75-917f-a92a13c0656e_en)

### **4. How do I get access to DIWASS?**

You will need to be registered to use DIWASS. Information on how to register to use DIWASS can be found on the EU website here: [https://green-forum.ec.europa.eu/green-business/digital-waste-shipment-system-diwass/how-register-economic-operators-diwass\\_en#paragraph\\_4615](https://green-forum.ec.europa.eu/green-business/digital-waste-shipment-system-diwass/how-register-economic-operators-diwass_en#paragraph_4615)

You will need to be registered to access DIWASS.

A Competent Authority will be required to approve your registration. You must select an approval Competent Authority during the registration process.

If you are based in Scotland, you can select SEPA as your approval authority.

If you are based in England or Wales, you should select the Competent Authority of destination as the approval authority. The EA and NRW will not be available to be selected as approval authorities on DIWASS.

### **5. Will EU Competent Authorities process my notification application under EU Regulation 1013/2006 if I submit it before 21 May 2026?**

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After assessing your application, if content, NRW or the EA will transmit your notification application to the EU competent authorities involved.

At this stage the EU Competent Authority should either:

- a) Issue an acknowledgement – meaning the notification will be processed under EU Regulation 1013/2006; or
- b) State that they cannot process the notification under EU Regulation 1013/2006 and issue advice to you on next steps.

In Scotland, if you use DIWASS to submit your notification application, it will be transmitted automatically to all authorities involved. If, however, you choose to submit your notification application via IWS Online then SEPA will transmit your application to the relevant EU competent authorities when it considers your application to be “properly carried out”.

#### **6. Will I still be able to use my existing notification?**

According to EU Regulation 2024/1157, if your notification was acknowledged or consented before 21 May 2026 it is still valid under EU regulation 1013/2006. The recovery or disposal of the waste must be completed at the latest by 21 May 2027, or 21 May 2029 for pre-consent notifications. Under the EU rules, all waste covered by these consents must be fully recovered or disposed of by the relevant end date, meaning the treatment must be completed by that point.

#### **Exporting waste from GB to the EU under Article 18 (Green List Waste) controls**

##### **7. What is the process for exporting Article 18 waste?**

The EU has decided to delay the mandatory requirements for EU operators to submit Annex VII information into DIWASS before shipment until 31 December 2026. DIWASS can still be used for the purpose of submitting Annex VII information to EU partners on a voluntary basis.

In Scotland you must continue to submit a completed Annex VII to SEPA before the shipment commences, as per requirements in Regulation 45 of the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulations 2007. You can submit a completed Annex VII document to SEPA using DIWASS, the National Packaging Waste Database, or via email.

#### **Importing waste from the EU to GB under notification**

##### **8. What is the process for imports of notifiable waste from the EU to GB?**

Notification applications entered onto DIWASS under EU Regulation 2024/1157 must be transmitted to the EA and NRW by the relevant competent authority of dispatch via email. SEPA will accept applications via DIWASS directly from the notifier (i.e. SEPA will not require the EU CA to transmit the application).

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**Impact of DIWASS on current notification consents**

**9. Will information on current notifications need to be inputted into DIWASS?**

Consents for notified waste that have been issued / or are issued under regulation 1013/2006 in the EU (i.e. those acknowledged prior to the 21 May 2026) will continue to be managed under EU Regulation 1013/2006 – i.e., the requirement on EU operators and Competent Authorities to submit information to DIWASS will not apply to these shipments. For more information see Article 85(3) of EU Regulation 2024/1157.

Operators should continue to pre-notify shipments and record receipt / recovery / disposal as per UK Regulation 1013/2006, on IWS Online where possible.