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Council and European Parliament agree on updated rules for shipment of waste

The Council's Permanent Representatives Committee¹ today approved the compromise reached between the Council and the European Parliament concerning an updated regulation on shipment of waste. It thereby endorsed the agreement reached on 6 March between the Hellenic Presidency of the Council and representatives of the European Parliament.

The new regulation contains strengthened measures to ensure a more uniform implementation of the waste shipment regulation throughout the EU. By 1 January 2017, member states will have to establish inspection plans, which must include, as minimum requirements, the objectives and priorities of the inspections, the geographical area covered by the inspection plans and the tasks assigned to each authority involved in the inspections. The inspection plans must be based on a risk assessment. They are to be regularly reviewed and updated at least every three years. Member states will make publicly available, including electronically, information related to inspections on an annual basis. The Commission will review the regulation by 2020.

¹ The Permanent Representatives Committee is composed of the ambassadors of the 28 EU member states. Its role is to prepare decisions of the Council.

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Background

The new regulation amends [regulation \(EC\) 1013/2006](#) , which lays down requirements for shipment of waste within the EU and between the EU and third countries in order to protect human health and the environment. The regulation contains only a general description of inspection requirements, which has resulted in so-called "port hopping", i.e. exporters of illegal waste choosing to send their waste through countries with less stringent controls.

Next steps

To come into effect, the text still needs to be formally approved by the Parliament, whose vote in plenary is expected to take place on 17 April, and the Council, which is due to take its decision after the vote in the Parliament.

The regulation will enter into force twenty days after its publication in the EU Official Journal. It will apply from 1 January 2016.
