



## Waste

Since 01 January 2021, there have been some additional requirements on imports of waste from the EU.

All imports of notified wastes ('Amber List') destined for GB will require the submission of a waste notification and waste movement form ahead of the waste shipment. The subsequent authorised waste shipment will need to be carried out by an authorised waste carrier and must be accompanied by a copy of the waste movement form.

However, GB importers will not be able to import waste for disposal or import mixed municipal waste for recovery from the EU in line with EU rules.

### Requirements

The UK is a party to the Basel Convention and a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Therefore, the UK will be treated in the same way as any other OECD country or any country party to the Basel Convention that intends to import waste from an EU country.

The rules for shipping non-notified waste or 'Green List' waste from the EU to GB for recycling has stayed the same.

For waste shipments from the EU to GB, EU countries are not allowed to export waste for disposal, or export mixed municipal waste for recovery, to GB under EU law.

All imports of notified wastes from EU countries destined for GB require the submission of a waste notification and waste movement form ahead of the shipment. The subsequent authorised waste shipment must be carried out by an authorised waste carrier and must be accompanied by a copy of the waste movement form.

Further information on categories of waste can be found [online](#).

Business importing waste into GB from the EU should be aware of the following requirements:

- the EU exporters must complete waste notification and waste movement forms with details of the Customs Office of Exit from the EU
- waste carriers must provide a copy of the waste movement document to the Customs Office of Exit from the EU if requested; when exporting through Germany, a copy of the waste movement document must always be provided

GB operators should check that any transport of waste within the EU for destination in GB is carried out by an appropriately authorised waste carrier.

'Green list' waste coming into GB must be accompanied by an Annex VII form (which describes the waste, where it came from, where it is going) and the exporter must have a written contract with the destination facility.

Guidance on how to complete the Annex VII form and Article 18 controls can be found [here](#).

Importers should note that Germany, Bulgaria, Croatia, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Hungary require shipments of notifiable waste to enter or exit through a designated Customs Office. If you are shipping waste to or through these EU Member States, please review the [list of designated customs offices here](#).

There is no requirement for 'Green List' or non-notified waste shipments, to move through a designated point of exit from the EU or entry into GB.

The relevant EU legislation for business intending to import waste into GB from the EU can be found [here](#). Further guidance issued by EU waste shipment regulators can be found [here](#).

### Systems

There are no EU IT systems which control the movement of waste between EU member states and GB.

### Location of checks

There is no requirement for 'Green List' or non-notified waste shipments, to move through a designated point of exit into the EU or entry into the GB.

Notified waste shipments, which require prior approval, must follow the route that has already been agreed as part of the notification application. If the shipment is expected to deviate from the pre-agreed route, the exporter will need to inform the relevant competent authorities.

Waste may be subject to physical checks and checks on documentation. These checks can take place at any point from the site of loading to the waste arriving at its point of destination and are conducted under a risk-based approach. This entails a series of checks to confirm that:

The Notification & Movement documents are as originally notified, and any alterations have been approved

- The movement document is completed correctly
- The site operator is conducting effective checks of the waste before accepting the delivery, such as whether the operator is capable of identifying a misclassified waste)
- The recovery (or disposal) methods and codes on the Notification match the operations permitted at the site

This may also include a visual check of the waste against the waste codes and descriptions on the Notification and Movement documents.

If goods are selected for inspection, importers will need to be able to:

- Provide recent Notification & Movement documents to the inspector as originally notified and provide evidence that any alterations have been approved
- Provide information to the inspector on checks that are undertaken on the waste before accepting the delivery