

## **RBB-C19-007 Transfrontier Shipments (TFS) documentation**

This position applies as a temporary emergency contingency measure only. It is subject to review.

Due to the current unprecedented circumstances caused by the effects of Covid-19, Natural Resources Wales - Waste Shipments Unit acknowledges that certain measures are required to reduce interaction between people.

With this in mind, we are adjusting our processes to ensure that physical contact is minimised. The following temporary measures have therefore been put in place regarding international waste shipments to and from Wales. This is for a limited period and will be kept under review. Any changes to the interim measures will be notified to you immediately.

## **Conditions you must comply with**

For Notifiable/Amber Listed Waste:

- All new TFS applications and supporting documents can be sent in scanned form by email to [waste-shipments@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:waste-shipments@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk). This removes the need for original documents with original signatures to be posted to our office.
- NRW authorisations (transmission/acknowledgment/consent/objection) will be issued in scanned format by email.
- The Waste Shipments Unit will continue to accept electronic Annex 1B movement documents emailed to [waste-shipments@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:waste-shipments@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)
- To avoid placing a hard copy (of the Annex 1B movement document) with the waste shipment, the carrier may produce an electronic copy (via phone, tablet etc.). It is the responsibility of the Notifier to ensure all carriers involved in a shipment have access to an electronic copy.

- Notifiers must continue to update and manage the IWS database as per normal procedures.
- Notifiers must continue to comply with the conditions of their Financial Guarantee

For Green Listed Waste:

- To avoid placing a hard copy with the shipment, the carrier may produce an electronic copy (via phone, tablet etc.) where requested. It is the responsibility of the Notifier to ensure all carriers involved in a shipment have access to an electronic copy of the Annex VII movement document.

Please note that it remains the responsibility of the Notifier to ensure the above waste shipments are compliant with the transiting and destination competent authorities.

If shipments cannot proceed as intended due to the impact of Covid-19 (e.g. recovery facility closed, border/road closure etc.), please inform us.

For all correspondence please email us at:

waste-shipments@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

this is our preferred method of communication.

## **Enforcement**

An RD means that Natural Resources Wales will not normally take enforcement action against you provided:

- your activity meets the description set out in this RD
- you comply with the conditions set out in this RD
- your activity does not, and is not likely to, cause environmental pollution or harm human health

## **When to check back**

This Regulatory Decision will be reviewed by 30 June 2020.