

BIR rejects harmonised tracking forms

(EU) - The Bureau of International fears additional administrative costs of up to EUR20 for every shipment of green-listed waste and secondary raw material within, into and out of the EU. According to the international recycling industry umbrella organisation, tracking forms for waste shipments are on the agenda at a stakeholder consultation forum scheduled for 23 November. Other issues to be discussed include possible amendments to Article 11 of the EU Waste Shipment Regulation which sets down the information which has to accompany every shipment, and the compulsory marking of vehicles with a harmonised EU sign for cross-border waste transfers, BIR said.

According to the organisation, some member states and companies have already developed special forms to provide the information required by Article 11. In the view of BIR, these forms duplicate administrative work and "could leave the door open for a European proposal for a harmonised tracking form, which would come on top of the existing contract and the CMR form". BIR puts the additional administrative costs incurred by companies for using such forms at EUR10. In addition, a possible fee of up to EUR10 to obtain each harmonised form from the competent authorities could come on top of this, BIR said, warning that this might create a "hidden tax" on waste shipments. In the organisation's view, it would be sufficient if the information required by Article 11 were included in the existing contracts.

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