
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulations 1994 (S.I.1994/1137, as partially revoked by S.I. 1996/972) (“the 1994 Regulations”). They provide that a competent authority of dispatch and competent authority of destination, for the purposes of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 259/93 on the supervision and control of shipments of waste within, into and out of the European Community, shall, in respect of Northern Ireland, be the Northern Ireland Department of the Environment rather than the district councils in Northern Ireland, as provided for in the 1994 Regulations (regulation 3). They also provide that the district councils of Northern Ireland will remain competent authorities of dispatch and of destination in respect of any notification they receive and have acknowledged before these Regulations come into force (regulation 5). Finally they also amend the 1994 Regulations by aligning the penalties in Northern Ireland with those in Great Britain in respect of any conviction for an offence under the 1994 Regulations (regulation 4).