

## Q&A Transcript

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1. An operator enquired about processing timeframes for a notification.

ERA explained that once a notification is submitted in DIWASS, the review process is initiated by the competent authority of dispatch. Only this competent authority can review the notification at this stage, although other competent authorities can still view the notification. If the notification is not properly carried out, the competent authority of dispatch has 10 days to submit a request for additional information to the notifier. A notifier must submit a reply to any request for additional information within 10 days and requests for an extension may be considered. If the notification is still not properly carried out, the competent authority of dispatch may carry out 2 further reviews within 7 days following receipt of additional information from the notifier. A maximum of 3 requests for additional information can be carried out; if the notification is still not properly carried out, the notification must be invalidated. A competent authority of dispatch must confirm whether a notification is properly carried out within these timeframes. Once the competent authority of dispatch confirms that the notification is properly carried out, the competent authority of destination and any competent authorities of transit must review the notification. The timeframes applicable to the competent authority of dispatch also apply to the competent authority of destination and any competent authorities of transit. However, if the notification is considered as properly carried out the notifier must be informed within 3 days following receipt of confirmation that the notification is properly carried out by the competent authority of dispatch or following receipt of additional information from the notifier. After the notification is considered as properly completed, the competent authorities concerned must provide their decision within 30 days. Shorter timeframes apply for notifications destined to pre-consented recovery facilities in line with Art.14 (15) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 on shipments of waste.

2. An operator enquired whether the review is carried out simultaneously by the competent authority of dispatch and the other competent authorities concerned during the initial review period.

ERA clarified that the first review is solely carried out by the competent authority of dispatch, based on the timeframes previously explained. Once this review process is completed and the notification is considered as properly carried out by the competent

authority of dispatch, the other competent authorities concerned can initiate their review.

3. An operator enquired when payment for a notification is required and whether it is refundable in case of cancellation.

ERA explained that payment must be made outside DIWASS through ERA's online payment gateway or bank transfer following submission of a notification of DIWASS and receipt of invoice via e-mail. Refund of unutilized movement document processing fees will still be possible as per current practice.

4. An operator enquired how public holidays are taken into account in the calculation of procedural timeframes.

ERA explained that DIWASS accounts for a limited set of national and public holidays, as defined in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1290. These holidays do not include all national and public holidays observed in every Member State. As a result, effective timelines may vary slightly across Member States. The holidays recognized within DIWASS are limited to 1 January, 1 May, 15 August, 1 November, and 25 and 26 December, in addition to any other national or public holidays applicable at national level.

5. An operator enquired whether shipper and transporter documents must be uploaded by the notifier or by the actual operators?

ERA confirmed that, as per current practice, the responsibility for submitting documentation rests with the notifier.

6. An operator asked what happens if the "yes" option is selected when DIWASS asks whether a change in the notification (following consent) involves a route change.

ERA explained that selecting "yes" does not trigger additional fields requiring further information. This option serves solely to inform the competent authorities that a change in routing is required. ERA reiterated that any route change involving new Member States cannot be considered as a change following consent in line with Art.17 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1157. Where changes affect the competent authorities involved, a new notification must be submitted.

7. An operator enquired whether access to DIWASS required access to TRACES NT.

ERA explained that operators may use an existing TRACES NT account to access DIWASS. However, to access DIWASS through TRACES NT specifically for waste

shipment procedures, users must create and activate a Waste Shipments Regulation profile within the platform.

8. An operator asked how carriers are notified to sign documents and who is required to sign them.

ERA explained that, based on the procedures demonstrated during this session, no action is required from carriers at this stage. Future training sessions will focus on Annex VII procedures and movement documents, including the roles and obligations of carriers. ERA encourages carriers to attend those sessions, as detailed guidance will be provided.

9. An operator enquired whether the waste producer can view attachments submitted by the notifier.

ERA explained that documents will be visible to the waste producer on DOWASS unless marked as containing personal data. ERA emphasized the importance of selecting the correct sensitivity label when uploading attachments, as this determines their visibility to the relevant users.

10. An operator enquired whether changes can be made to a notification after submission if a competent authority identifies incorrect information.

ERA explained that a notification can be edited by the notifier following each request for additional information by a competent authority concerned until a reply is submitted.

11. An operator enquired when the session about the movement form will be held.

ERA confirmed that operators will be notified once a date is confirmed.

12. An operator enquired whether the transition of a notification from "*Submitted*" to "*Consented*" occurs automatically.

ERA explained that once all competent authorities have issued their consent, DIWASS will automatically update the notification status to "*Consented*". Any delays observed during the demonstration session attributable to the system still being in testing phase. The actual system will be updated regularly.

13. An operator enquired whether contact persons listed in the notifications will receive automated email notifications.

ERA explained that notifications will be issued. However, the communication method (email, system alert, or other means) has not yet been communicated.

14. An operator enquired about deadlines for completing registration for shipping agencies and carriers and who should be nominated.

ERA confirmed that the DIWASS environment will open for registration later in April. Operators will be notified once registration becomes available. ERA reiterated that each operator is responsible for determining which users are authorized to access the system on their behalf. Unless shipping agents also act as carriers, these do not have to register in DIWASS.