

INFORMATION ON INSPECTIONS OF SHIPMENTS OF WASTE TO BE MADE PUBLICLY  
AVAILABLE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 51(2) OF REGULATION (EC) No 1013/2006 ON  
SHIPMENTS OF WASTE (WSR)

**REFERENCE YEAR** [2019](#)

**REPORTING COUNTRY:** [MALTA](#)

Article 24 and Article 50(1)	<p><b>Information on illegal shipments of waste</b></p> <p>Has there been any case? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>(please tick ✓ as appropriate)</i></p> <p>If yes, please complete Table 5.  Please provide information on how illegal shipments of waste are prevented, detected and penalised under national legislation:</p> <p>Pursuant to S.L. 549.65 Waste Management (Shipments of Waste) Regulations, the provisions laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste shall <i>mutatis mutandis</i> apply in Malta.</p> <p>Therefore, the Competent Authority shall have the power to conduct both regular and random inspections of sites, facilities and cargo, and to seize the shipments of hazardous wastes or other wastes deemed illegal in accordance to Art.2 (35) of the Waste Shipment Regulation.</p> <p>In this context, Malta submitted the inspection plan pursuant to Article 50 (2a) of the Waste Shipment Regulation to the Commission on 5 February 2018. This document provides a brief background on the current practices of waste shipments inspections within the Maltese Islands. The said plan also identifies various tools and practices particularly regarding increased cooperation between entities involved in shipments of waste inspections.</p> <p>In the case of an illegal transboundary movement of waste to another country, the take-back provisions laid down in Art.24 of the Waste Shipment Regulation fully apply in Malta.</p> <p>Pursuant to Regulation 6 of S.L. 549.65 Waste Management (Shipments of Waste) Regulations, any person who commits an offence against the said Regulations shall, on conviction, be liable: (a) on a first conviction, to a fine of not less than €1,170, but not exceeding €2,330; (b) on a second conviction or subsequent convictions, to a fine of not less than €2,330, but not exceeding €4,660, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and imprisonment.</p>
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Article 50(2)	<p><b>Summary information on the outcome of the inspections carried out pursuant to Article 50(2), including:</b></p> <p>Number of inspections, including physical checks, of establishments, undertakings, brokers and dealers, related to shipments of waste: 114</p> <p>Number of inspections of shipments of waste, including physical checks: 80</p> <p>Number of supposed illegalities concerning establishments, undertakings, broker and dealers, related to shipments of waste: 0</p> <p>Number of supposed illegal shipments ascertained during the inspections: 1</p> <p>Additional remarks: The number of inspections of establishment and undertakings (i.e. 114) reflects the number of inspections conducted as part of the routine inspections and/or to investigate any compliance issues, thus their main focus was not shipments of wastes. Notwithstanding this, given Malta’s reliance on exports of wastes for the environmentally sound management of a number of waste streams generated locally, such inspections might also be relevant in the context of ensuring compliance with the legal and administrative frameworks in place governing shipments of wastes.</p>
Article 50 (2a)	<p><b>Information on the inspection plan(s)</b></p> <p><a href="https://era.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/MT-Waste-Shipment-Inspection-Plan-final.pdf">https://era.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/MT-Waste-Shipment-Inspection-Plan-final.pdf</a></p> <p>This document provides a brief background on the current practices of waste shipments inspections within the Maltese Islands. However, the most important outcome of this plan is that it identifies various tools and practices particularly regarding increased cooperation between entities involved in shipments of waste inspections. The plan also takes into consideration the structure of the newly set up Environment and Resources Authority (ERA) as the Competent Authority responsible for shipments of waste as well as the current administrative and financial resources available for implementation.</p> <p><b>Number of inspection plan(s) for the entire geographical territory: 1</b></p> <p><b>The date of adoption of the inspection plan(s) and the period covered by them:</b> The review of the waste shipment plan is currently being finalised and will apply up to December 2023.</p> <p><b>The latest review date of the inspection plan(s):</b> The review of the waste shipment plan is currently being finalised</p> <p><b>Indicate the persons or bodies to which concerns or irregularities can be reported:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Environment and Resources Authority</a></p> <p><a href="#">Customs Department</a></p> <p><a href="#">Malta Police Force</a></p> <p><a href="#">Transport Malta</a></p>

Table 5

## INFORMATION ON ILLEGAL SHIPMENTS OF WASTE \* (Article 24 and Article 50(1))

Waste identification (code)	Quantity (kg/litres)	Country of destination (De) and country of dispatch (Di)	Identification of the reason for illegality <i>(possible reference to violated Articles)</i>	Responsible for illegality <i>(please tick ✓ as appropriate)</i>			Measures taken including any penalties imposed
				Notifier	Consignee	Other	
	16,000 kg	De: Ghana Di: Italy	A container destined to Ghana was scanned by the Maltese Customs Authority and upon inspection, a considerable amount of used EEE, used tyres, personal effects, and sanitary ware were found without the necessary documentation. This resulted in the shipment to be deemed as waste and hence required the necessary authorization according to Regulation EC 1013/2006			✓	A takeback procedure was initiated and approved by the CA of destination. No fines were imposed.

\* Information on cases which have been closed during the reporting period.