

# Purpose and Administration Functions of the National TFS Office

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# Overview

- ❖ Functions/Role of the National TFS Office (NTFSO)
- ❖ TFS Process – What is a TFS?
- ❖ Submitting an application
- ❖ Green & Amber Waste
- ❖ Authorisation of Officers

# Functions/Role of the Office

- ❖ **Supervise and control shipments of waste into and out of the State.**
- ❖ **Process, assess and monitor all waste shipment applications, pre-notifications, and movements of waste being exported and imported.**
- ❖ **Enforce TFS regulations – through a dedicated National Enforcement Unit.**
- ❖ **Educate all stakeholders i.e. other Local Authorities, waste brokers, shipment companies.**
- ❖ **Collaborate and Co-ordinate with business community and external agencies (e.g. inspections, procedures)**

# NTFSO = Competent Authority

- ❖ **Destination** in respect of the import of waste in to the State (taken over the responsibility from the EPA for imports into the State).
- ❖ **Transit** in respect of the passage of waste in transit through the State.
- ❖ **Enforcement** of all waste shipments exported, imported and transiting through the State.

# What is a TFS?

- ❖ Track and trace system of waste movements from ‘cradle to grave’ – waste passport
- ❖ Used for certain types of waste – defined in legislation as “Amber List” e.g. hazardous waste, domestic waste
- ❖ Separate system used for other materials e.g. recyclables or “Green List” waste
- ❖ Notification Document – unique Notification number given. E.G. IE 31XXXX
- ❖ Movement Document must accompany the waste shipment at all times through countries of transit on route to disposal/recovery facility in country of Destination.

# What is a TFS?

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Sample TFS Notification Form

# Submitting an Application/Notification

## REQUISITION PHASE

- Waste Description, Destination, Source
- Requisition Number Issued

## NOTIFICATION

- Completed Annex IA received & checked
- Further information request sent (if necessary)
- If complete acknowledgement sent and form transmitted to CA destination/transit within 3 days

## MOVEMENT

- Shipments can only move once consent has been granted by all CA involved
- Notifier must send completed copy of Annex IB to all CA involved 3 working days before shipment occurs

# Submitting an Application/Notification (cntd 1)

- ❖ Requests (written) by post, email or fax.
- ❖ Application for the notification document and movement document to outline:
  - ❖ The description of the waste e.g. chemicals
  - ❖ Origin – address, contact details, EPA/WP
  - ❖ Destination of the waste e.g. Germany
  - ❖ Reference number is allocated to each notification e.g. IE 31XXXX



# Submitting an Application/Notification (cntd 2)

- ❖ Notification & movement documents must be fully completed and accompanied by:
- ❖ Fee
- ❖ Contract
- ❖ Financial Guarantee
- ❖ List of Carriers/Hauliers
- ❖ Detailed Waste Description
- ❖ Transport Itinerary
- ❖ Contact details for the Competent Authority of Destination & Transit

# New TFS 3 Day Rule

- ❖ Transmit the notifications & acknowledgement within **3 working days** to the CA destination and transit.
- ❖ Receipt of notification & acknowledgement to the notifier.
- ❖ Request further information.
- ❖ Object to the notification – must inform the notifier.
- ❖ NTFISO has a large administrative role within a highly specialised business community

## Green List Waste (Annex III)

- ❖ Sorted
- ❖ Clean
- ❖ Ready to be recycled
- ❖ Does not represent a health or environmental hazard
- ❖ Usually paper, glass, or metals
- ❖ Destined for recovery only
- ❖ Must be accompanied by completed Annex VII

## Green List Waste (cntd)

- ❖ **China** – paper, cardboard, plastic packaging
- ❖ **Asia** – paper (China, Hong Kong) & cardboard
- ❖ **Africa** – scrap metal and second hand vehicles

# Amber List Waste (Annex IV)

- ❖ Subject to Notification Procedure
- ❖ Hazardous Waste (asterix beside EWC code)
- ❖ Destined for final disposal
- ❖ Drilling slag from oil rigs
- ❖ Railway sleepers (250K)
- ❖ Cooking oil, WEEE
- ❖ PCBs from South America

# Enforcement



Dedicated Waste Enforcement Unit to TFS –authorised for all of the Republic of Ireland.

S.I. 419 2007 Waste Shipment Regulations.

# Authorisation Requests

- ❖ Currently 17 personnel from 4 LAs authorised
- ❖ Provide details to NTFSO of staff to be authorised (i.e. name, position) via post, fax or email
- ❖ Letters of authorisation will be issued by NTFSO, staff must retain these as proof of authorisation when conducting inspections
- ❖ Would look to partner with officers based locally during any concerted actions
- ❖ NTFSO available to discuss any queries/issues uncovered by inspections

# Policy Development

- ❖ Enforcement Policy
- ❖ Collaborative working with EPA & LAs – site inspections, terms of reference
- ❖ Repatriation procedure templates
- ❖ Memoranda of understanding with other bodies e.g. customs



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