

IMPEL-TFS

Enforcement @ctions project

Enforcement Actions

Enforcement Actions is a project of IMPEL-TFS that aims at the improvement of implementation and enforcement of European Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR). One of the main aims of WSR is to prevent illegal shipments of harmful waste to countries that do not have the technology to cope with these wastes. Central aim of this project is to extend knowledge, experience and acquire necessary skills to improve and intensify the enforcement of WSR by organizing joint inspections and exchanging inspectors. Approximately 25 old and new EU Member States are working together in this project that started in September 2006 and will probably end in 2008.

Background

This project derives from Verification and Seaport project. In those projects, many illegal shipments were detected. Most illegal transports were defined as green listed waste or not defined as waste, while the shipped waste has to be defined as unnamed, amber, red listed waste, or waste the country of destination does not want to receive.

All enforcement organizations stressed the need to continue joint inspections and

enforcement of waste shipments. Within the projects, progress was made in establishing a EU-wide level playing field on the enforcement of waste shipment, but there is still more to be done. For these reasons, IMPEL-TFS has set up the Enforcement Actions project. This project will draw on the best of the previous two projects, not only inspection methods but also verification of waste treatment at the final destination.



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Objectives of Enforcement Actions project



The project objectives are:

- To contribute to permanent and consistent level of enforcement within Europe;
- To detect illegal waste shipments and deter potentially illegal waste exporters;
- To verify and monitor waste treatment at destinations within or outside Europe in order to improve environmentally sound waste processing;
- To set up training and exchange programmes for inspectors;
- To provide an easily accessible European enforcement project for all Member States;
- To maintain and improve a network of frontline inspectors, inspection methods, and information and knowledge exchange;
- To demonstrate that the Member States are continuing joint European enforcement;
- To enable collaboration between the authorities and enforcement partners.

IMPEL-TFS

IMPEL-TFS unites representatives of European Member States and other European countries who deal with matters on Transfrontier Shipments of Waste. It also considers a cluster of projects within IMPEL. IMPEL-TFS was setup in 1992. It was meant to harmonize the enforcement of EU Regulation 259/93 on Transfrontier Shipments of Waste with regard to the supervision and control of waste shipments into, out of and through the European Union. More information can be found on the IMPEL Website <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/impel/>.



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Start conference November 2006

Enforcement Actions project kicked-off with a start conference in The Hague in November 2006 on new joint inspections plans, a new Manual and Communication plan.

Eighteen EU countries were represented, even China. On the first day the results on Seaport and Verification project were presented and the “lessons learned” of former inspections

were discussed. On the second day Inspection Plan, Manual and Communication plan were discussed. The last day decisions were taken on the planning of the joint inspections and exchange inspectors, the Manual and Communication plan. Also priorities were established for shipments of certain waste types, export of waste to non-OECD countries and imports of waste into new EU Member States.



Joint inspections and exchange of inspectors

This TFS Enforcement Actions project is meant to learn from each other: come over and see how others carry out inspections. In February 2007 approximately 30 joint inspections were held in 8 countries. For instance, inspectors from Scotland, England and Bulgaria visited the Netherlands to learn about Dutch road and harbor inspections.

“Participation in joint inspections is very useful. You can gain a lot of knowledge and experience on how to perform complex checks together with transport police and customs”, as stated by the Bulgarian representatives. One of the Scottish participants stated: *“I found the traffic inspection extremely interesting as it showed what can be achieved through joint collaboration with numerous regulators both in your own country and boarding countries”.*

In the course of 2007 – 2008 there will be more exchanges of inspectors, more joint inspections between different countries on numerous strategic places in Europe and more verifications of waste destinations. After every joint inspection period the results will be analysed, reported and communicated. The Inspection plan, Manual and Communication plan are used as scenario documents for all project activities.



Are you interested to join the project?

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You are more than welcome!

Communication

Apart from this general project flyer, the content and proceedings of this Enforcement actions project are also communicated through a newsletter and a website.

Newsletter: During the project there will be more exchanges of inspectors and joint inspections between different countries and on numerous places. The project group will keep communicating through a regular newsletter. If you would like to be informed as well, please get in touch via our E-mail address.

Project website Viadesk: Especially for this project a virtual project area has been opened, where all relevant information can be found. When you register as participant of the project, you will also get access to the website <https://vrom.viadesk.com>.

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