

ICC Electronic data approaches – Belgium

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Language

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1. I.1 Is the notification document available in electronic form in your country?

*** Yes ***

No

2. I.2 Can the notification document be completed electronically in your country?

*** Yes ***

No

3. I.3 Are notification documents usually completed electronically in your country?

Yes

No

*** Other (please specify) ***

Notification template form is electronic. After filling, the notifier has to send a paper filled and signed original to export authority (original is sent by export authority to import authority, a copy is kept by export authority and additional copies are sent to transit authorities (European regulation 1013/2006, namely art. 7, 8, 26, 37, 38, 42, 44, 45)

4. I.4 How are the notification documents signed by the State of export, exporter or generator in your country?

By a manual signature

By a digital signature

*** In another way (in which case please describe) ***

Digital signature is limited to fully regulated and certified electronic signature, accepted by all other authorities (European regulation 1013/2006, namely art. 26). A thoughtless copy/paste of a scan of a signature is not a "Digital signature". So, in practice, all signatures are manual (the only and simply available worldwide standard).

5. I.5 How are notification documents by the State of export, generator or exporter stored in your country?

In paper form

In electronic form (eg. database)

*** In another form (in which case please describe) ***

Paper conservation is time limited (European regulation 1013/2006, art. 20). Database conservation is not limited in time but covers only the significant information.

6. I.6 How are notification documents by the State of export, generator or exporter transmitted to the State of import/transit? Please review the two options below and tick all boxes that apply.

I.6.1. If in your country the notification is transmitted by the Competent Authority of the State of export, this notification is transmitted by:

*** Post ***

Fax

Email

In electronic form (eg. through shared database)

In another form (in which case please describe)

In fact, the question is inaccurately addressed to authority of export. The authority of export has to fulfil the mandatory way set by the concerned other authorities. Nearly all authorities request paper sending by postal way. We typically request sending by post (without prejudice of particular case).

Not applicable

I.6.2. If in your country the notification is transmitted by the generator or exporter, this notification is transmitted by:

Post

Fax

Email

In electronic form (eg. through shared database)

In another form (in which case please describe)

Not answered

*** not applicable ***

7. I.7 As State of export, how does the Competent Authority in your country sign notification documents to be transmitted to the State of import/transit?

Manually

Digitally

*** In another way (in which case please describe) ***

Not applicable, the notification is signed by notifier/exporter.

8. I.8 As State of import/transit, how does the Competent Authority in your country process (receive, store, respond to) notification documents received through the Competent Authority of the State of export?

Manually

Digitally

*** In another way (in which case please describe) ***

Please refer to answer I.5

9. I.9 The notification procedure includes a number of procedural stages that engage a Competent Authority. Which, if any, of these stages should involve an electronic approach? Please tick each box that you think is relevant.

*** Stage 1: The exporter/generator/State of export of the wastes informs the Competent Authority of the State of export of a proposed transboundary movement of hazardous or other wastes and submits all supporting documents, including the notification document. ***

*** Stage 2: The Competent Authority of the State of export has no objection to the export and informs the exporter/generator/State of export thereof (in some Parties, this does not take place at this time). ***

*** Stage 3: The notification document is transmitted to the Competent Authority of the States concerned (State of import/transit). ***

*** Stage 4: On receipt of the notification document, the Competent Authority of the State of import/transit provide its written consent (with or without conditions) or denial (after asking for further clarification, if necessary). ***

*** Stage 5: Once the relevant Competent Authorities have established that all the requirements of the Convention have been met and have agreed to the movement, the Competent Authority of the State of export can proceed with the issuance of the movement document and authorize the shipment to start. ***

Other stages (please specify)

All, but only if available in practice, accepted by all other concerned authorities, with taking into account all cases, included special cases, and not more difficult, complicated or time consuming that manual approach.

If you have ticked any of the above boxes, please explain why you consider an electronic approach would be helpful.

Maybe, a step implementation seems more valuable than a big mandatory change of administrative processing.

In an early stage, the movement document processing by authorities seems the more valuable stage for implementing electronic processing: notification of proposed movement, notification of reception of waste, certification of waste treatment, with a common

system).

10. II.1 Is the movement document available in electronic form in your country?

*** Yes ***

No

11. II.2 Can the movement document be completed electronically in your country?

*** Yes ***

No

12. II.3 Is the movement document usually completed electronically in your country?

Yes

*** No ***

13. II.4 In your country, how do the movement documents become available to each person who takes charge of a transboundary movement of hazardous wastes or other wastes ? Please, tick all that apply.

*** Original ***

*** Copy ***

*** Fax ***

*** Email ***

*** In electronic form ***

In another form (in which case please describe)

14. II.5 In your country, how are the movement documents signed and stamped ?

*** Manually ***

*** Digitally ***

In another way (in which case please describe)

15. II.6 As State of export, how do you receive confirmation from the disposer that waste has been received and disposed of as planned and in an environmentally sound manner? Please, tick all that apply.

*** Post ***

*** Fax ***

*** Email ***

*** In electronic form ***

In another form (in which case please describe)

16. II.7 As State of import, how are you informed by the State of export that confirmation of reception and disposal has not been received from the disposer? Please, tick all that apply.

Post

Fax

Email

In electronic form

In another form (in which case please describe)

Information must be sent directly by notifier and/or consignee to all concerned authorities.

17. II.8 The movement and disposal procedures include a number of stages . Which, if any, of these stages should involve an electronic approach? Please tick each box that is relevant.

*** Stage 1: The movement document, which contains important information, accompanies the wastes and is signed by each person taking charge of it. ***

*** Stage 2: The exporter and Competent Authority of the State of export receive confirmation that the wastes moved across borders have been received and disposed of by the disposer as planned and in an environmentally sound manner. ***

*** Stage 3: The Competent Authority of the State of export that has not received the confirmation that disposal has been completed informs the Competent Authority of the State of import accordingly. ***

Other stages (please specify)

Not answered

18. III.1 In your country, are there electronic approaches to any of the following waste movement processes? Please tick the ones that apply.

Contract between waste exporter and disposer

*** Notification of proposed movement ***

Response to notification of proposed movement

Issuance of movement document

Tracking/signature of movement document

National movements of waste following transboundary movement

*** Notification of reception of wastes ***

*** Notification of confirmation of disposal ***

Information that no confirmation of disposal was received

Other (specify)

Not answered

19. III.2 If you already have an electronic approach, name the most significant challenges you face when implementing that approach.

Notifiers, notifier representatives and stakeholders ask iteratively for an electronic system, but when an electronic system is available, only few notifiers use the system in practice. The arguments of other notifiers are the simplicity of manual paper system, the non standardization of national electronic systems (fax is currently the only available worldwide standard with post) and the data restriction linked to some national electronic system. A system was developed in Belgium, EUDIN. The challenge of EUDIN was to agree on 1 generic XML for generic data exchange format. CA's should accept systems from other CA's when they are judicially checked.

20. III.3 If you already have an electronic approach, name the most significant benefits that approach brings.

Please see answer IV.1

- increase of wastes shipments data consistency between authorities
- less work for CA (input of data)
- traceability
- immediate availability of data

21. III.4 Have you carried out any studies on possible electronic approaches? If possible, please provide us with a brief summary of the findings, or a copy thereof.

See <http://www.eudin.org/>

Please see answer IV.2

European commission is currently undertaking a study on this matter.

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22. III.5 What are the most important practical challenges you face with respect to the movement of waste?

Change of data of an already announced shipment (eg. new carrier)

23. IV.1 Do you think there is a need for an initiative to provide for electronic data approaches to notification and movement, which would be available to all Parties to the Basel Convention (a Basel Convention electronic system for transboundary movements)?

*** Yes ***

If so, why?

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No

If so, why?

Not answered

24. IV.2 In your opinion, which of the listed processes should be supported by a Basel Convention electronic system for transboundary movements? Please tick the relevant box.

Contract between waste exporter and disposer

Notification of proposed movement

Response to notification of proposed movement

Issuance of movement document

Tracking/signature of movement document

National movements of waste following transboundary movement

Notification of reception of wastes

Notification of confirmation of disposal

Information that no confirmation of disposal was received

Other (specify)

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25. IV.3 Which, if any, of the alternatives listed below for a Basel Convention electronic system for transboundary movements would be your preference? Please, tick the relevant box and explain your answer.

A central system managed by the Secretariat and accessible by all Parties and other stakeholders

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A decentralised system, where each Party would have its own system, which could communicate with other systems using standardized messages

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An intermediate system, with some Parties having their own systems and others not, with the Secretariat playing the role of the centralized repository of the notifications

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Other (please specify)

Not answered

26. IV.4 If you would favour a Basel Convention electronic system for transboundary movements, what would you expect the main benefits to be?

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27. IV.5 If you would not favour a Basel Convention electronic system for transboundary movements, what would you expect the main challenges to be?

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28. V.1 Please add any additional information or comments pertaining to an electronic data approach that is not included in answers to the above questions and could improve the implementation of the Basel Convention control procedure.

Not answered

29. V.2 Please list the stakeholders within your jurisdiction to whom you have sent the questionnaire for stakeholders available at <http://fs.pops.int/icc-electronic-approaches-stakeholders> . You may provide the information in the box below or attach a list.

Name of stakeholder:

no

Contact person:

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Address:

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E-mail:

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Name of stakeholder:

no

Contact person:

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Address:

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Contact person:

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Attach a list:

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Party:

Belgium

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