

DIWASS

Shipments of waste to and from third countries

- Rules for registration of third country operators and introducing data in DIWASS on their behalf -

Introduction

This document explains rules on registration of third country operators and introducing data in DIWASS on their behalf.

All EU-based operators and competent authorities (CA) are obliged to actively use DIWASS. Use of DIWASS by third country operators and third country CA is voluntary.

If a third country operator does not wish to actively use DIWASS, its registration in DIWASS, as well as the entry of information and upload of documents on its behalf, must be carried out by other actors. If a third country operator does wish to actively use DIWASS, it may register and carry out these actions themselves.

This document explains the registration process of third-country operators based on scenarios that may arise depending on whether the competent authority (CA) and the third-country operator use DIWASS and clarifies which authority is responsible for approving the registration requests in each case. It further explains per scenario who has to introduce information and documents on behalf of operators and authorities that do not actively use DIWASS. The document covers the following scenarios:

- Scenario 1: both the third-country CA and operators use DIWASS
- Scenario 2: only the CA uses DIWASS
- Scenario 3: only third-country operators use DIWASS
- Scenario 4: neither the CA nor operators use DIWASS

In addition, this document sets out the approach to be taken by CAs when verifying registration requests. Finally, the document explains the approach towards the main identification number to be used for third-country operators when registering in DIWASS.

The Waste Shipment Regulation¹ allows third countries (competent authorities and operators) to use DIWASS, either directly – via DIWASS Graphical User Interface (GUI, meaning via the Commission website), or via their local system – via Application Programming Interface (API).

¹ Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on shipments of waste, amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) 2020/1056 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006, OJ L, 2024/1157, 30.4.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1157/oj>

Scenario 1: both the third-country CA and operators use DIWASS

1. Registration of operators

- A third-country operator submits the registration request in DIWASS themselves.
- The user registering the operator needs to verify if the third country CA of the country where the operator has a registered office actively uses DIWASS. The list of third country's CAs using DIWASS can be consulted [here](#).
 - ***Please note that if the user selects an authority that is not actively using DIWASS, the registration request will not be approved.*** The user will need to contact the Commission's Helpdesk in order to change the incorrectly selected authority. Therefore, in the interest of time, the users registering third country operators should always consult the list before submitting a request to register a third country operator.
- As in this scenario the relevant third country competent authority uses DIWASS, the operator must choose the CA of its own country, when selecting the competent authority (CA) responsible for the registration.
- The registration request is to be approved by the CA competent in the country where the operator has its registered office.
- The third-country CA must associate the user claiming to be authorised to represent the operator with that operator. This enables the operator's user(s) to actively use DIWASS from there on.

2. Exports of waste from the EU, transit of waste through the EU and imports of waste to the EU

As the third country CA and third country operator all actively use DIWASS, there is no need for EU CAs nor EU operators to introduce details on behalf of third country actors into DIWASS.

Scenario 2: only the CA uses DIWASS, but not the operator

1. Registration of operators

- Any EU operator may submit a request in DIWASS to register a third-country operator.
- In practice, this is likely to be done by the EU operator cooperating with the third-country operator in the context of a given waste shipment.

Example: a Turkish company shipping waste to Germany could be registered by the German operator involved, if the Turkish company does not wish to act in DIWASS itself.

- The user registering the operator needs to verify if the third-country CA of the country where the operator has a registered office uses DIWASS. The list of third country's CAs using DIWASS can be consulted [here](#).
 - ***Please note that if the user selects an authority that is not actively using DIWASS, the registration request will not be approved.*** The user will need to contact the Commission's Helpdesk in order to change the incorrectly selected authority. Therefore, in the interest of time, the users registering third country operators should always consult the list before submitting a request to register a third country operator.
- Because in this scenario, the relevant third-country competent authority uses DIWASS, the user registering the operator must choose the CA of the country in which the operator has its registered office when selecting the CA responsible for the registration.
- The registration request is to be approved by the CA competent for the country where the operator has its registered office.
- In this case, the third-country CA will not associate a user with the registered operator, unless that user provides documentation showing that they are entitled to represent the operator, for example a power of attorney.

2. Export of waste from the EU

Shipments of notified waste:

- **The EU notifier** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS (facility, consignee, carrier)

The EU notifier can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another operator. An operator can never work on behalf of a competent authority!

- The third country CA connected to DIWASS will introduce its information and documents in DIWASS.

However, **the EU CA of dispatch** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all non-EU CAs of transit / destination not connected to DIWASS (see also scenario 3)

The EU CA of dispatch can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another authority. An operator can never work on behalf of a competent authority!

- **Important note:** In the absence of all consents in DIWASS, no movement documents can be generated!

Shipments of green-listed waste:

- **The EU person who arranges the shipment** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS (facility, consignee, carrier)

The EU person who arranges the shipment can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another operator.

3. Imports of waste to the EU

Shipments of notified waste:

- **The EU CA of destination** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for: all third country operators not connected to DIWASS (notifier, carrier) and all non-EU CAs not connected to DIWASS

The EU CA of destination can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another authority. An operator can never work on behalf of a competent authority!

- **Important note:** In the absence of all consents in DIWASS, no movement documents can be generated!

Shipments of green-listed waste:

- **EU consignee / EU facility** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS (PWAS, carrier)

The EU operator can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another operator.

4. Transit through the EU

Shipments of notified waste:

- all **EU transit CA** will be able to introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS and all non-EU CAs not connected to DIWASS.
- It was agreed among WSR correspondents that the EU CA in the first EU transit MS will introduce information and documents in DIWASS as required.

The EU CA of transit can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another authority. An operator can never work on behalf of a competent authority!

Shipments of green-listed waste:

- all **EU carriers** will be able to introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS.

The EU operator can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another operator.

Scenario 3: only third-country operators use DIWASS, but not its CA

1. Registration of operators

- A third-country operator may submit a registration request in DIWASS itself.
- The user registering the operator needs to verify if the third country CA of the country where the operator has a registered office uses DIWASS. The list of third country's CAs using DIWASS can be consulted [here](#).
 - ***Please note that if the user selects the authority that is not actively using DIWASS, the registration request will not be approved.*** The user will need to contact the Commission's Helpdesk in order to change the incorrectly selected authority. Therefore, in the interest of time, the users registering third country operators should always consult the list before submitting a request to register a third country operator.
- Because the relevant third country competent authority does not use DIWASS, the operator must choose the CA of the EU Member State that, in the context of the envisaged notification, would act as CA of dispatch, transit or destination, as applicable (see Article 7(6) of the DIWASS Implementing Act²), when selecting the CA responsible for the registration.

Example: if a Brazilian company intends to ship waste to Portugal, and the Brazilian CA does not use DIWASS, the operator should select the Portuguese CA as responsible for the registration.

- The registration request is to be approved by the selected EU CA.
- The EU CA will associate the user claiming to be authorised to represent the operator with the operator, provided that the user submits evidence that they are entitled to represent the operator, for example a power of attorney.

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1290 of 2 July 2025 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the requirements necessary for the interoperability between the central system for the electronic submission and exchange of information and documents related to shipments of waste and other systems or software, as well as other technical and organisational requirements necessary for the practical implementation of such electronic submission and exchange of information and documents, *OJ L*, 2025/1290, 14.7.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/1290/oj

2. Export of waste from the EU

Shipments of notified waste:

- **The EU notifier** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all non-EU operators that are not connected
- **The EU CA of dispatch** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all non-EU CAs of transit / destination not connected to DIWASS

The EU CA of dispatch can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another authority. An operator can never work on behalf of a competent authority!

- **Important note:** In the absence of all consents in DIWASS, no movement documents can be generated!

3. Imports of waste to the EU

Shipments of notified waste:

- In the case that the operator actively using DIWASS in this scenario is the notifier, **the notifier** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS (carriers). In case the notifier does not actively use DIWASS, it is the EU CA of destination that is expected to do so.

The operator or authority can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another authority.

- As an economic operator cannot act on behalf of a CA in TRACES and thus DIWASS, the EU CA of destination is kindly asked to introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all non-EU CAs not connected to DIWASS. The non-EU notifier must submit all such information and documents without delay to the EU CA of destination!
- In the absence of all consents in DIWASS, no movement documents can be generated!

Shipments of green-listed waste:

- **EU consignee / EU facility** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS (person who arranges the shipment, carrier)

The EU operator can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another operator.

4. Transit through the EU

Shipments of notified waste:

- all **EU transit CA** will be able to introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS and all non-EU CAs not connected to DIWASS.
- It was agreed among WSR correspondents that the EU CA in the first EU transit MS will introduce information and documents in DIWASS as required.

The EU CA of transit can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another authority. An operator can never work on behalf of a competent authority!

Shipments of green-listed waste:

- all **EU carriers** will be able to introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS.

The EU operator can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another operator.

Scenario 4: neither the CA nor operators use DIWASS

1. Registration of operators

- Any EU operator may submit a request in DIWASS to register a third-country operator.
- In practice, this is likely to be done by the EU operator cooperating with the third-country operator in the context of waste shipments.

Example: a Moroccan company shipping waste to France could be registered by the French operator involved.

- The user registering the operator needs to verify if the third country CA of the country where the operator has a registered office uses DIWASS. The list of third country's CAs using DIWASS can be consulted [here](#).
 - ***Please note that if the user selects the authority that is not actively using DIWASS, the registration request will not be approved.*** The user will need to contact the Commission's Helpdesk in order to change the incorrectly selected authority. Therefore, in the interest of time, the users registering third country operators should always consult the list before submitting a request to register a third country operator.
- As in this scenario the relevant third country competent authority does not use DIWASS, the user must choose the CA of the EU Member State that, in the context of the envisaged notification, would act as CA of dispatch, transit or destination, as applicable (see Article 7(6) of the DIWASS Implementing Act), when selecting the CA responsible for the registration.

Example: the French CA should be selected as responsible for the registration of the Moroccan company.

- The registration request is to be approved by the selected EU CA.
- In this case, the EU CA will not associate a user claiming to represent the operator with that operator, unless the user provides documentation showing that they are entitled to represent the operator, for example a power of attorney.

2. Export of waste from the EU

Shipments of notified waste:

- **The EU notifier** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS (facility, consignee, carrier)

The EU notifier can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another operator. An operator can never work on behalf of a competent authority!

- **The EU CA of dispatch** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all non-EU CAs of transit / destination not connected to DIWASS

The EU CA of dispatch can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another authority. An operator can never work on behalf of a competent authority!

- **Important note:** In the absence of all consents in DIWASS, no movement documents can be generated!

Shipments of green-listed waste:

- **The EU person who arranges the shipment** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS (facility, consignee, carrier)

The EU person who arranges the shipment can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another operator.

3. Imports of waste to the EU

Shipments of notified waste:

- **The EU CA of destination** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for: all third country operators not connected to DIWASS (notifier, carrier) and all non-EU CAs not connected to DIWASS

The EU CA of destination can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another authority. An operator can never work on behalf of a competent authority!

- **Important note:** In the absence of all consents in DIWASS, no movement documents can be generated!

Shipments of green-listed waste:

- **EU consignee / EU facility** must introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS (person who arranges the shipment, carrier)

The EU operator can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another operator.

4. Transit through the EU

Shipments of notified waste:

- all **EU transit CA** will be able to introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS and all non-EU CAs not connected to DIWASS.
- It was agreed among WSR correspondents that the EU CA in the first EU transit MS will introduce information and documents in DIWASS as required.

The EU CA of transit can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another authority. An operator can never work on behalf of a competent authority!

Shipments of green-listed waste:

- all **EU carriers** will be able to introduce information and documents in DIWASS for all third country operators not connected to DIWASS.

The EU operator can do this from their own user account and DIWASS will keep records of the fact the submission is done on behalf of another operator.

Verification to be carried out by the competent authority at the stage of operator registration

When registering operators, the verification carried out by the CA should focus only on the following two aspects:

1. whether the operator exists; and
2. whether the user claiming to represent the operator is genuinely entitled to do so, but only where a user requests active use of DIWASS.

In the Commission's view, this verification is not different from what CAs already do today when accepting, in paper form, a company or a person representing it. Moreover, DIWASS should save time, since this verification would normally need to be carried out only once, at the time of registration, rather than in the context of each individual waste shipment.

1. Identification number of third-country operators

In most cases, the main identification number of a third-country operator is its EORI number.

Where such an operator is not required to register for customs purposes under Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013, its main identification number should be another identification number provided for under the legislation of the country where the operator is based.