



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels, 26.4.2022  
C(2022) 2836 final

*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on shipments of waste and amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) No 2020/1056 {COM(2021) 709 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senát's broad support for the aims of the proposal to facilitate the shipment of waste within the EU, to promote the circular economy and sustainable waste management, and to address illegal shipments of waste within and outside the EU as well as waste problems in third countries.*

*A full digitalisation of all procedures governing the shipments of waste between EU Member States, in particular for 'green-listed' waste, will increase the efficiency of the Regulation performance in general. Both Member States and the EU will benefit from the availability of data on waste shipments in an electronic system to monitor waste flows more swiftly and with much greater analytical capability and accuracy. This would also apply to 'green-listed' waste, as the required information to accompany these shipments has to be included in the electronic data system.*

*In addition, notification dossiers and any supplementary information requested during the consent procedure, would be delivered and be processed more swiftly, as the logistics of the paper notification could be avoided. This should mean increased efficiency without considerable additional costs for authorities and businesses.*

*Addressing waste trafficking is one of the priorities of the EU overall policy on organised crime. The Commission is working closely with enforcement agencies from the EU Member States, the EU Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL), Europol and international organisations, like the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Basel Convention, to tackle illegal waste management activities and illegal waste shipments. The EU notably supports cross-border investigations and cooperation between enforcement agencies in its Member States. The proposal includes an enhanced role for the Commission to step up its possibility to help Member States with such investigations, by empowering it to have a more active role in such investigations, through its*

*Miloš Vystrčil  
President of the Senát  
Valdštejnské náměstí 17/4  
CZ – 118 01 PRAGUE 1*

*anti-fraud office (OLAF). The proposal also includes the creation of a dedicated group at the EU level to better steer cooperation against waste trafficking, which would gather all Member States enforcement agencies involved in waste shipments, as well as EU and relevant international organisations (Europol, Interpol and World Customs Organisation). The intention is to provide support to Member States in exercising their respective competences as regards the enforcement of waste shipment rules.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Senát and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Maroš Šefčovič  
Vice-President*

*Virginijus Sinkevičius  
Member of the Commission*