

# Shipments of waste: legality of shipments

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The Council held an **exchange of views** on the proposal for the amendment of the waste shipment regulation in order to give political guidance for further examination of the proposal in the Council preparatory bodies.

The ministers' discussion was based on two questions prepared by the presidency:

1. to consider the **appropriateness of the scope of the proposal**;
2. to consider whether the **proposal strikes the right balance between ensuring a minimum level playing field and allowing the necessary flexibility**.

Ministers welcomed the proposal and recognised the need to improve measures to address illegal shipments of waste.

While they broadly supported **inspection planning**, they also underlined the need to consider further the level of detail to be included in the plans in order to strike the right balance between the aim of the legislation, the national situations and the costs of implementation. They also expressed doubts about the publication of inspection plans.