Waste: common rules to apply to shipments to non OECD countries

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OBJECTIVE: to establish common rules and procedures to apply to shipments to certain non-OECD countries of certain types of waste. CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council adopt this proposal for a regulation establishing common rules and procedures to apply to: a) countries which do not wish to accept shipments of "green list" waste from the Community for processing: a number of countries have indicated that they do not wish to accept some or all of the waste on the "green list" in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 259/93. The Commission proposal consists of applying the "red list" procedure to shipments of this waste to the countries in question, once it has been revised. In all events, the "red list" procedure will have the same practical effect as a ban on exports while maintaining a degree of flexibility; b) countries which have not replied to the Commission's notes: Regulation (EEC) No 259/93 establishes the general principle whereby exports of waste on the "green list" for the purpose of processing are considered as normal commercial operations unless the country of destination wishes otherwise. Consequently, countries which have not replied to the notes sent to them by the Commission on the subject should continue to be treated in accordance with this general principle, to which a system of automatic prior export licences could be added. The proposal also defines a simplified amendment procedure which would allow the Commission to decide, in consultation with the relevant committee, to amend the control procedure applicable to one or more countries covered by it.