



International Green Deal North Sea Resources Roundabout to work on new case: 'Fast-Tracks' for Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)

'Fast-Tracks' is the fifth case for the International Green Deal North Sea Resources Roundabout (NSRR) - after compost, PVC and non-ferrous metals from bottom ash and struvite. The case, initiated by Müller-Guttenbrunn GmbH and HKS Metals deals with the concept of 'Fast-Tracks' for WEEE: making shipments to compliant EU WEEE recyclers easier and faster. Article 14 of the European Waste Shipment Regulation provides ample basis for the concept of 'Fast-Track Notification', but implementation can be improved. For this case Flemish, French, UK and Dutch public and private sector experts are joined by Austrian colleagues to explore possibilities for commonly accepted criteria for pre-consents and mutual accepted processes, amongst other things. The Commission (DG ENV) is following the case as an observer. The working group had its first meeting in the Dutch Permanent Representation in Brussel on September 13.

International Green Deal North Sea Resources Roundabout

The NSRR was initiated by The Netherlands, UK, France and Flanders with the aim to stimulate Green Growth in the North Sea region by facilitating the trade and transportation of secondary resources. The 5 year deal was signed in March of this year and is envisioned to accommodate a maximum of ten secondary resource streams or cases. For each case a working group is established to come up with practical and scalable solutions to the barriers encountered. Most solutions are likely to involve the harmonisation of national interpretation and enforcement of EU legislation and will not require new rules or regulations.

Pre-consented facilities

Making shipments to *compliant* WEEE recyclers in Europe easier and faster will allow these WEEE secondary raw materials to flow much in the same way as primary raw materials do, thus boosting the production of secondary raw materials for the European Circular Economy. Also, Fast-Tracks Notifications are expected to free up time and resources from

the authorities, which can then be used to fight true illegal exports of WEEE and fractions of WEEE. The concept of Fast-track, once effectively implemented, can have a much larger spin-off as it can be used for shipments of any type of recyclable waste to any pre-consented facility.

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See also <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tb7Poc2CcOM>