



# International Green Deal North Sea Resources Roundabout

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## **NSRR**: the 1<sup>st</sup> International Green Deal

- Aims to boost the circular economy in North Sea countries by facilitating sustainable trade and transportation of secondary resources
- Geographical focus area: countries in North Sea region that consider themselves frontrunners in field of circular economy
- Not waiting for consensus between 28 EU member states, but inspire them





# **NSRR:** Green Deal approach

Bottom up: companies in the lead, governments support. Different stakeholders involved

Goal: boost innovations in circular economy

Scale-up: inspire; improve framework conditions; create new networks, action oriented

Also: no financial support, no guarantee of success





## Green Deal NSRR signed and started

#### **International Green Deal Agreement**

- Signed on March 3, 2016
- Signed by 6 Ministers of environment and economics and the all stakeholders, committed to overall aim of Green Deal. France, UK, Flanders, The Netherlands
- EU Commission: observer, facilitator online platform

### **Annexes: cases of secondary resource streams**

- Maximum number of cases to be included: 10
- Currently up and running: (1) Non-ferro metals from bottom ashes, (2) Compost, (3) PVC recycling, 4) struvite and 5)Fasttrack



### **NSRR:** what is it all about?

#### Goal

 Facilitate trade & transportation secondary raw materials by looking at national interpretation and enforcement of (waste) legislation

#### **Issues**

Waste/EoW, waste shipment, REACH (quality, contaminants)

#### **Common search**

 Harmonisation between participating countries and optimal use of possibilities within current (EU) legislative framework



## **NSRR:** 'fast-track' - for Weee 1

Philosophy with regard to industry

- Compliant recycling is integral part of the Circular Economy
- European borders should not be insurmountable barriers
- Within Europe, secondary raw materials travel in line with the requirements of todays industrial world:
  - Quick, just-in-time, without unnecessary costs
  - Ideally with electronic data exchange of appropriate data for these transactions





## NSRR: 'fast-track' - for Weee 2

#### Philosophy with regard to inspection

- Safeguarding the environment and human health
- Reducing workload for notifications to compliant recyclers
- Thus freeing up time and resources to attack true illegal exports i.e. focus on the 'bad guys'
- Work within EU legislative framework







# **NSRR** approach to fast-track

- Solution needs to be found within the WSR boundaries!
- Article 14 offers handle towards fulfilment of the vision:
- ..."Article 14 of Regulation No 1013/2006 provides that the competent authorities of destination which have jurisdiction over specific recovery facilities may decide to issue pre-consents to such facilities. This means that the authority of destination will not raise objections concerning shipments of certain types of waste to the facility, and as a consequence the time limit for objections by the authorities of dispatch and transit is shortened to 7 working days...."



## NSRR Fast-track participants and analysis

- Participants: UK, Flanders, Austria, The Netherlands (policy and inspection)
- Companies Müller-Guttenbrunn and HKS Metals
- EERA and Euric
- Commission DGENV
- According to survey
  - Pre-Consents are not applied consistently within Europe and often not even recognized
  - NSRR participants do use pre-consents
  - Requirements for pre-consents are not standard
  - → Can this group of EU CE front runners develop and implement a joint pre-consent format? And feed into revision of WSR?



# **NSRR:** looking ahead

- Information sharing & looking for scalable solutions
- Addition of new cases, e.g. tyres, demolition materials, textiles
- Addition of new participants, new countries and/or regions
- Suggestions and applicants are welcome!



# How does it work? - Application

#### Apply as additional case in NSRR

- Contact us (Robine van Dooren, project lead)
- Through contacts with participating ministry
- Write up of annex IGD NSRR after preparatory work

#### **Criteria checklist**

- Focused on international trade secondary raw materials
- Realistic (economic viable) and with clear environmental benefits
- Committed companies on both ends of the supply chain
- Generate spin off / solutions applicable to others
- Results in the short term (~2 years)
- Clear role for the government (including Inspectorates)
- Private initiator has to take the lead (secretariat)





# Thank you for your attention!

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