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Registration and notification of waste substances: how does it work?

Vecom Industrial Services B.V. is part of the Vecom Group, a specialist in the area of processing of industrial (hazardous) waste. An important part of the activities consists of the collection and processing of rinse water streams and so-called ONO streams (acids, bases). Vecom also offers companies in the form of the unique "Total Waste Management" concept, comprehensive solutions for their entire waste stream management, from waste water to container collection.

On 1 January 2005 new regulations will come into force in the context of the Environmental Control Act for the management of waste substances that are collected, transported and processed in the Netherlands. These new regulations, better known as the "Notification Ruling", include procedures for the registration and notification of industrial waste and hazardous substances. In this Technical Bulletin you will read for whom these new regulations are intended and the obligations/changes that this entails relative to the "old" regulations.

Why a new system?

The renewed, national notification system supersedes the current, oftentimes contradictory provincial arrangements. The primary aim of the new system is the establishment of a uniform and improved compliance, control and supervision of the transport and processing of waste substance throughout the Netherlands. It will also enable government on the basis of the registered information to evaluate the policy in force (including the National Waste Control Plan) and where necessary modify it. Finally the new notification plan should result in a reduction of the administrative burdens, for the disposer, transporter and the processor of waste!



Who features in the notification system?

In principle all who are involved in the logistic chain around the transport of waste substances will be confronted with the new regulations: the manufacturers who are disposing of waste substances, transporters and processors of waste substances, traders and middle-men.

Who is expected to register and notify?

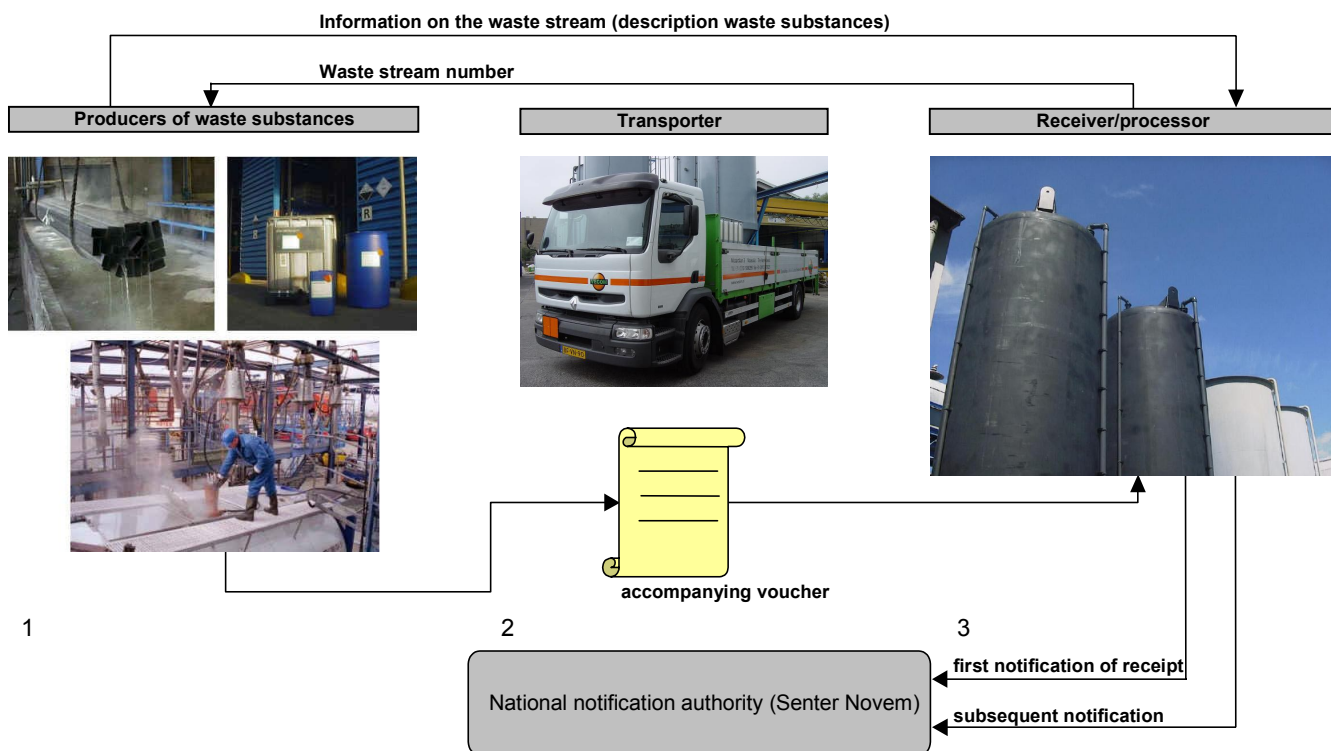
In the system of notification and registration various parties can be distinguished:

- Companies that are disposing of waste substances (primary and secondary disposers)
- Companies that transport waste substances (transporters and collectors)
- Companies that convert and process waste substances (receivers)
- Companies that merchandize or offer waste substances (traders and middle-men)

How does registration and notification work in practice?

In the route that the waste follows through the logistic process there are several moments at which it has to be registered and notified:

1. The description of the waste substances and the assignment of a waste stream number.
When you require to dispose of a waste stream you should provide the processor, in this case Vecom, with information on the composition and origin of that waste. In some cases a representative sample of the waste will be required in order to determine the best processing method.
After you have given Vecom the order for the removal and processing of the waste substance, a unique number will be assigned to the waste stream (the waste stream number).
2. The waste substances accompanying voucher.
An accompanying voucher is obligatory for the release, transport and receipt of the waste. When releasing the waste you should sign the accompanying voucher (your release certificate). After the waste has been delivered to the processor, in this case Vecom, you will receive (together with the invoice) a certificate of receipt.
3. Notification of the national authority.
All waste streams offered for processing are electronically notified to the national notification authority. A distinction is drawn in this between a "first notification of receipt" and a "subsequent notification".



Obligations of the primary disposer (company that produces the waste)

When your company produces waste substances and offers these for processing to a specialized collection and processing company like Vecom Industrial Services B.V., you should bear in mind the obligations hereunder:

- You may release waste substances only to a person (company) that is qualified to receive them;
- You may only use transporters and/or collectors that appear on the national VIHB list *;
- Prior to releasing waste substances you should submit a description thereof or information thereover to the receiver;
- Prior to the release you will receive a waste stream number that is assigned by the receiver;
- For each transport you should sign the completed accompanying document upon release;
- You should register the relevant information in such fashion as to enable inspection by the government agency;
- Finally you should retain the relevant information for a period of at least 5 years (by preference the pink copy of the accompanying voucher).

* VIHB list

Transporters, collectors, traders and middlemen for waste substances must register nationally on the so-called VIHB list. You will find this list at the website www.niwo.nl.

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