



Feedback NTFSO, Ireland -- 2020

Dublin City Council National TFS office (Ireland)

In 2007, Dublin City Council was designated as the Competent Authority for all waste being exported from and imported into the Republic of Ireland. The National TFS Office (NTFSO) was established to ensure compliance with Regulation 1013/2006 (WSR) and the Irish Waste Management (Shipments of Waste) Regulations 2007. Prior to the establishment of the NTFSO, each individual Local Authority was responsible for enforcement of the WSR within their own functional area. The establishment of the NTFSO ensured consistency of application of the WSR across the country and provided industry and other competent authorities with a single point of contact. In 2011, Dublin City Council was designated as the body responsible for all internal hazardous waste movements within Ireland.

Following its establishment the NTFSO became a member of IMPEL. The reason for joining IMPEL was to establish networks and contacts across other competent authorities and enforcement agencies. Membership has allowed the NTFSO to maintain regular contacts that have proved invaluable in dealing with tracking trans-boundary movements of waste. Continuous one-to-one contact has allowed the NTFSO to deal more effectively with illegal movements of waste shipments in cooperation with other countries. It has also given us the opportunity to contribute to best practice and afforded us the opportunity of continuous learning from our international colleagues. Participation in the IMPEL network and attendance at seminars and conferences is a vital tool in establishing best practice in ensuring compliance with the WSR. In 2019, two of our officers attended an exchange in Rotterdam coordinated by our Dutch colleagues. They learnt about the practical benefits of using Customs to target shipments of concern, viewed how ILT conduct their own inspections and attended a waste-to-energy facility.

The NTFSO are regular attendees of IMPEL conferences. During the meeting in Zwolle in 2018, we nominated ourselves as the Project Lead for the 'Effects of the Chinese Import Ban on the Environmentally Sound Management of Plastic Waste'. Leading this project has led to an increase in profile for our office and has afforded us the opportunity to work closely with our colleagues in bringing this project to fruition.

We have recently nominated our office to be part of an IMPEL Review Initiative. We are looking forward to participating in this process and to the advice and expertise that will be offered so that we can streamline our activities.

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