Belgian communiqué
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(Flemish Region, Walloon Region and Brussels-Capital Region)
Collection and transport of inland navigation waste during the corona crisis

OVAM (*Openbare Vlaamse afvalstoffenmaatschappij* - a public waste management company serving the Flemish region) understands the industry's concerns. It is important that the safe collection and transport of waste can continue, both for the general public and especially for those working in the industry.

This is why, after consultation with the inspecting authority, OVAM feels able to endorse the proposal to minimise personal contact when transporting waste, specifically by temporarily waiving the need for recipients to sign waste identification forms or other deposit slips while the preventative measures imposed by the federal authorities remain in force. You can find additional information on waste and the corona crisis at https://www.ovam.be/corona.

The Flemish Department of Transport and Public Works coordinated this message with Flemish and Wallonian port and inland waterway managers. The summary is as follows:

- As concerns the collection of inland navigation waste, the Port of Antwerp is required to provide a minimum service to ensure the ongoing provision of this service. Additional information is available at: https://www.portofantwerp.com/nl/my-poa/services/afvalpark-voor-binnenvaart
- The De Vlaamse Waterweg service will remain unchanged until further notice. The permanent Evergem and Ham reception facilities will remain open and the oil separation vessel in the Ghent region will also continue its collection service.
- Waste collection services in Wallonia will also remain unchanged.

To minimise personal contact when transporting waste it has been agreed with members of the CDNI Convention temporarily to waive the requirement for recipients to sign the waste identification forms. The deposit slip can be in digital form and may be attached or appended to the used-oil logbook.

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