

# Exporting RCRA Hazardous Waste (40 CFR 262 Subpart H)

**Flowchart key**

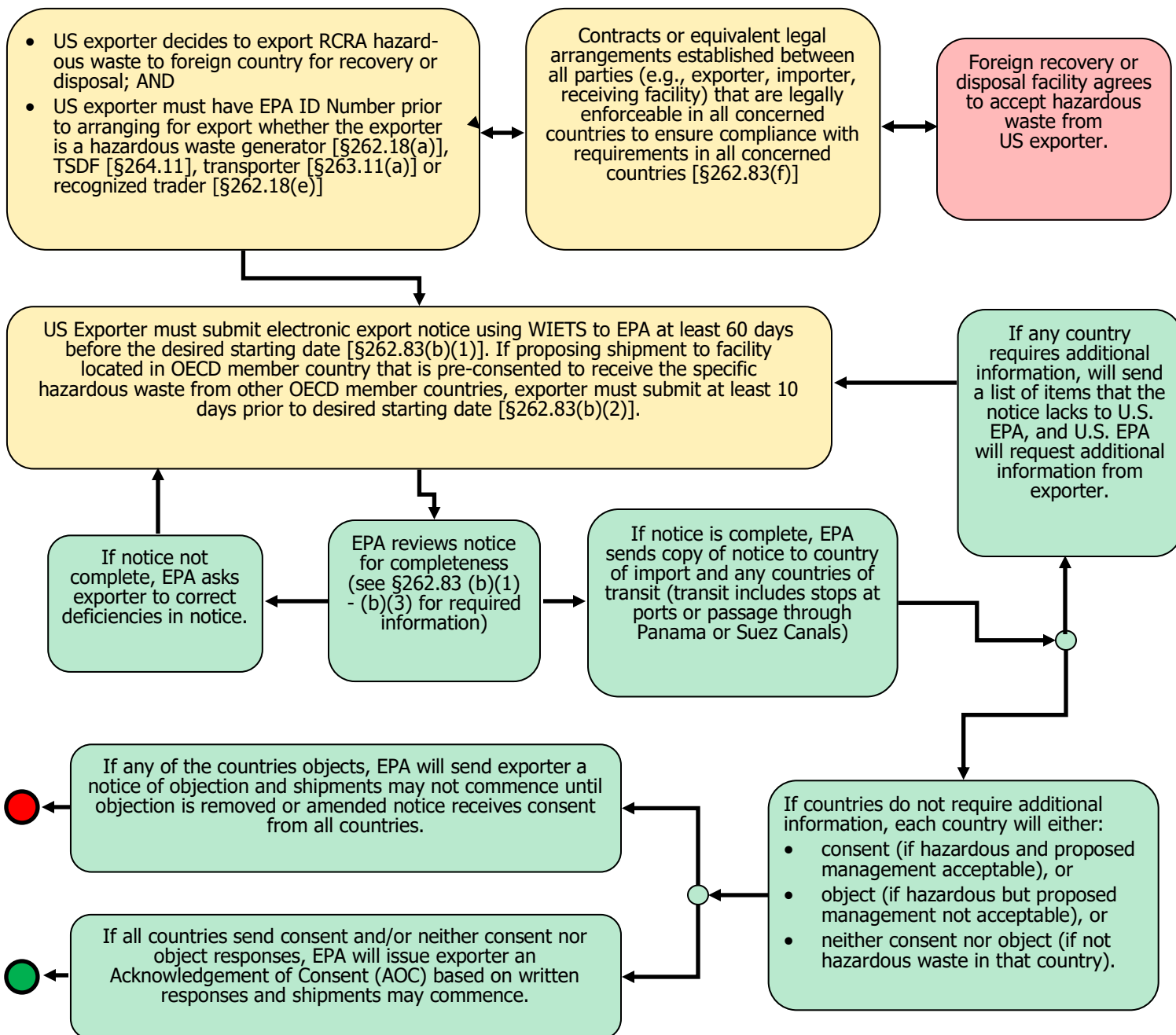
**EPA or Country of Import**

**Foreign Importer or Recovery Or Disposal Facility**

**US Hazardous Waste Exporter**

**Foreign or US Transporters**

## Pre-Shipment Requirements



# Export Shipment Requirements

US exporter prepares:

- RCRA manifest for each shipment listing consent numbers for each waste, exporter EPA ID number, U.S. Port of Exit (city, state) [§262.83(c)] unless the waste is exempted from manifesting (e.g., SLABs and universal waste); AND
- International movement document for each shipment listing RCRA manifest tracking number from block 4 if RCRA manifested [§262.83(d)].

US exporter must submit Electronic Export Information (EEI) for each shipment pre-departure to the Automated Export System (AES) in accordance with 15 CFR 30.4(b), and include EPA-specific information along with the other information required under 15 CFR 30.6 [§262.83(a)(6)(ii)].

Transporters must sign and date the international movement document [§262.83(d)(2)(xiv)] and RCRA manifest unless waste is exempted [§263.20(c)] when accepting custody of the shipment from the generator or another transporter. If RCRA manifested, the last transporter in the US must sign and date the RCRA manifest to indicate the date shipment left the US, and send the signed, top copy of RCRA manifest to generator [§263.20(g)(3)]. Starting December 1, 2025, the last transporter must send the signed, top copy of RCRA manifest to the US exporter instead of the generator [§263.20(g)(4)].

Starting December 1, 2025, within 30 days of receiving the RCRA manifest from the last transporter to carry the export shipment to or across the U.S. port of exit, the US exporter must submit the signed, top copy of RCRA manifest to the EPA e-Manifest system [§262.83(c)(4)].

Shipment exits US accompanied by international movement document. Under contract terms, transporters outside of US must sign and date the international movement document when accepting custody of the shipment from another transporter [§262.83(f)(8)].

If not disrupted, shipment arrives at foreign facility which either accepts or rejects shipment.

Is shipment disrupted prior to arrival at foreign facility?

If disrupted, under contract terms [§262.83(f)(3)], transporters outside of US must inform US exporter and country of transit or import of disruption and need to return shipment.

If any part of the shipment rejected, under contract terms the foreign facility must inform US exporter, country of import and EPA of need to arrange alternate management. The person specified in the contract assumes responsibility for locating an acceptable alternate location in the country of import or arranging the return of shipment [§262.83(f)(3)].

Country of transit or import will inform EPA of need for return.

If return needed, exporter must complete shipment return to US within 90 days of date EPA informed of need to return. Whether shipment is returned or sent to alternate facility, exporter must submit export exception report to EPA [§262.83(e), §262.83(h)].

If shipment accepted, under contract terms the foreign facility:

- Sends copy of signed and dated international movement document within 3 days of receipt to US exporter and to countries of import and transit that control it as hazardous [§262.83(f)(4)]; AND
- Confirms completing shipment recycling or disposal by sending confirmation of recovery or disposal no later than 30 days after completing recovery AND no later than 1 year from receipt of shipment to US exporter and to the country of import. If interim facility, will also promptly send confirmation of final recovery or disposal it receives from final facility to country of import and exporter [(§262.83(f)(5)-(6)).

After foreign facility has certified receipt by sending copy of movement document to exporter, post-receipt data corrections may be submitted at any time by any interested person (e.g., domestic waste handler) shown on the manifest. If requested by the Director, exporter must address manifest data corrections within 30 days from the date of the request. Data correction submissions must be made electronically [§ 262.83(c)(4)(v)].