



# **EPA Hazardous Waste Requirements for Import and Export Shipments with Interim and Final Destination Facilities**

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# What is an Interim Operation?

- Pre-processing or storing waste at a site before moving it to a different facility for final recovery or disposal is called an 'interim operation'. RCRA regulations in 40 CFR 262.81 define 6 interim operations using these codes:
  - R12 Exchange of wastes (e.g., mixing, blending, sorting, shredding)
  - R13 Accumulation of wastes
  - RC3 Interim storage of wastes for shipments with Canada only
  - D13 Blending or mixing of wastes
  - D14 Repackaging of wastes
  - D15 Interim storage of wastes
- R = recovery, D = disposal, RC and DC = for shipments with Canada only



# Receiving Facility Information Required in Notices

## For exports:

- 40 CFR 262.83(b)(1)(ii) requires listing information on the foreign receiving facility that is proposed to receive the export shipment
- If that foreign receiving facility will be doing any of the interim recovery or disposal operations, 40 CFR 262.83(b)(3) requires also listing the same information for the final foreign or US recovery or disposal facility

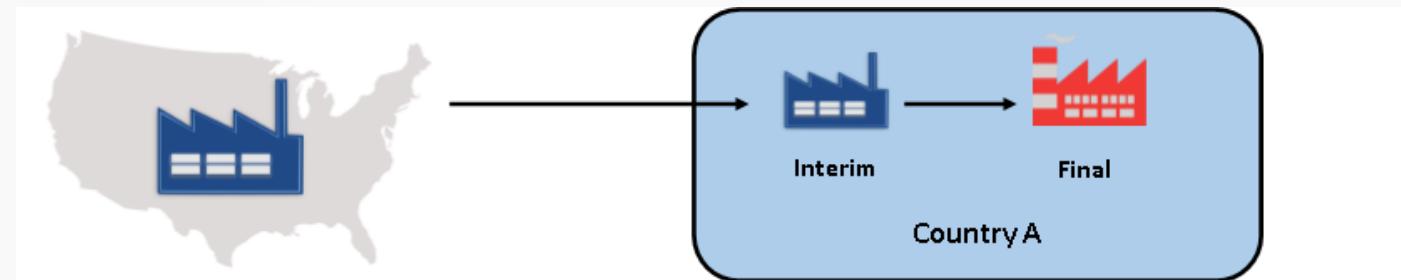
## For imports:

- 40 CFR 262.84(b)(1)(ii) requires listing the U.S. receiving facility information
- If that U.S. receiving facility will be doing any of the interim recovery or disposal operations, 40 CFR 262.84(b)(2) requires also listing the same information for the final US or foreign recovery or disposal facility

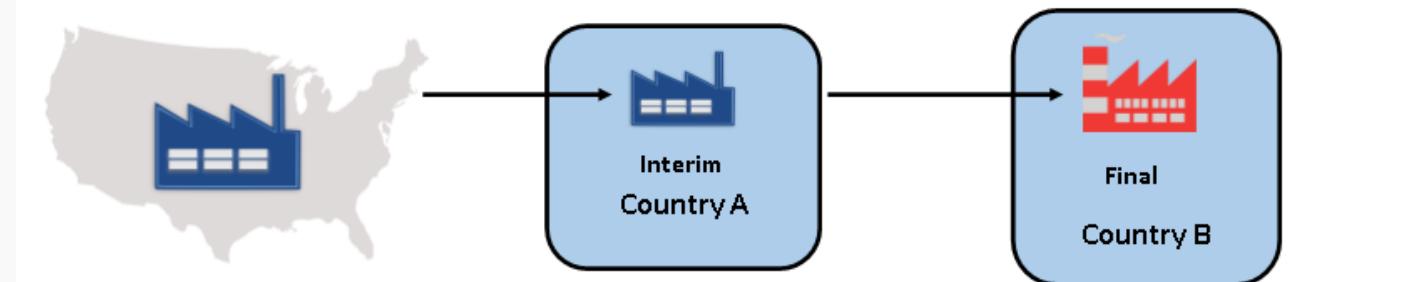
# Interim-Final Export Scenarios



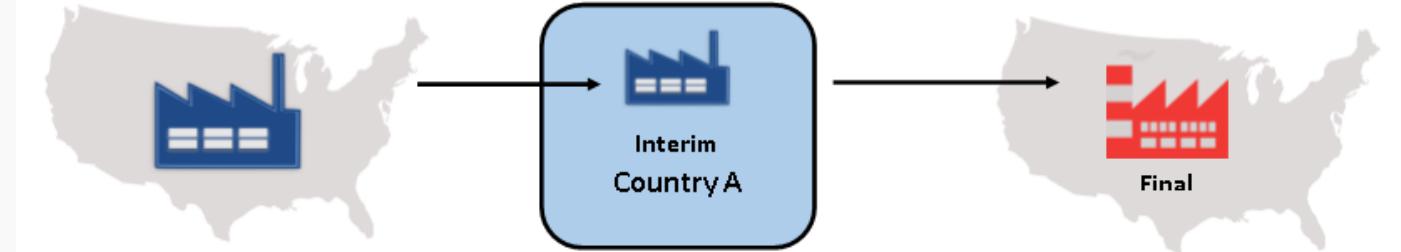
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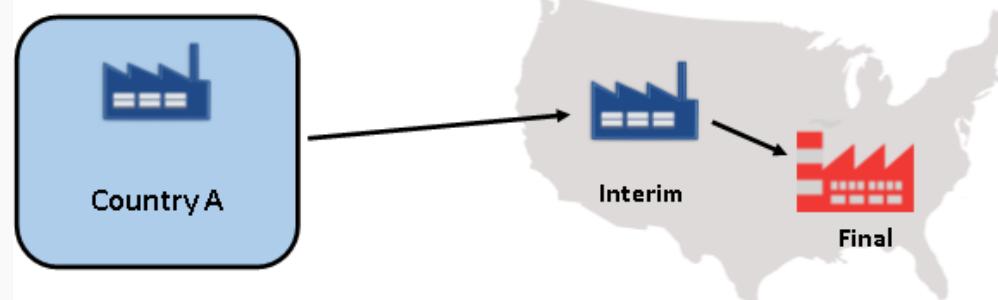
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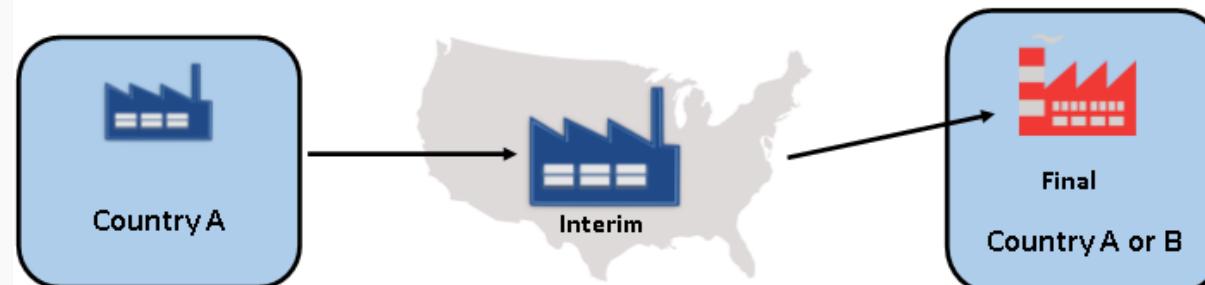
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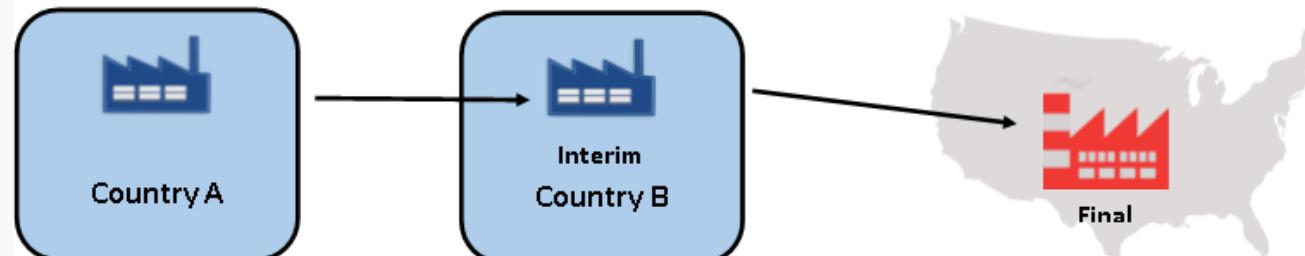
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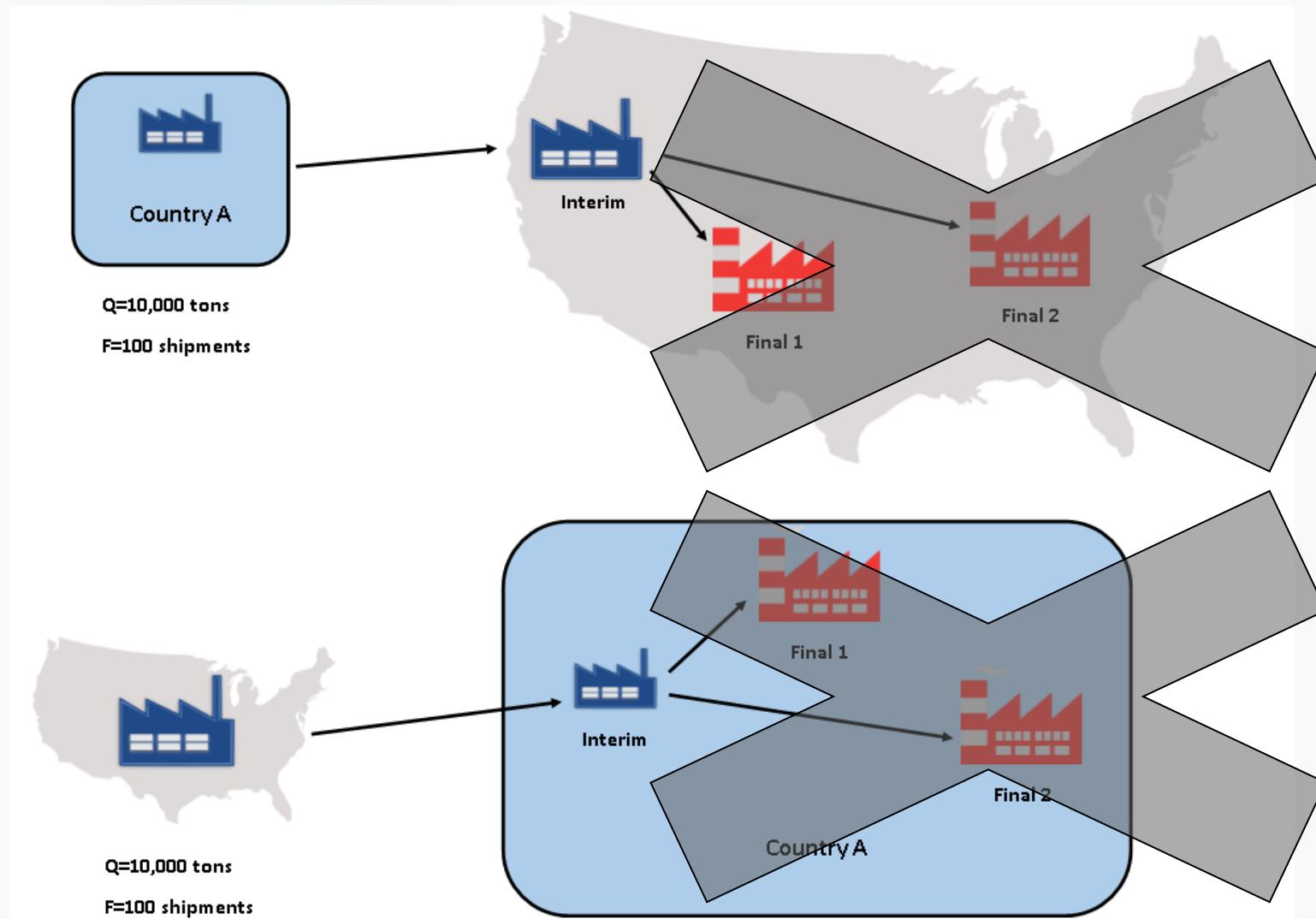
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# Multiple Final Facilities Are NOT Allowed



# Obtaining Consents



- For exports, EPA will send copy of export notice to country for each listed facility. EPA will issue AOC once consent is obtained from country for interim facility and any transit countries between US and interim country. EPA will send copy of export notice to country for final facility for informational purposes only.
  - Consent for shipment from interim facility to final facility will require a separate export notice and consent process between the interim facility country and the final facility country if the final facility is not located in the same country as the interim facility.
- For imports, EPA will consent to import notice if the facilities in the US are authorized or otherwise permitted to perform the listed operations on the wastes listed in the notice.
  - For imports where the final facility is in a different country, EPA will need separate export notice and consent for the shipment from the U.S. interim facility to a foreign final facility per 40 CFR 262.84(b)(6) and 262.83(b)(7).



# Contract Requirements

## Exports:

- 40 CFR 262.83(f)(6) requires contracts or chains of contracts to list both interim facility and final facility, and contracts must specify that interim facility will (1) provide notification prior to any re-export of the waste to a final facility in another country, and (2) send confirmations of final recovery or final disposal that it receives from the final facility to the country of import\*

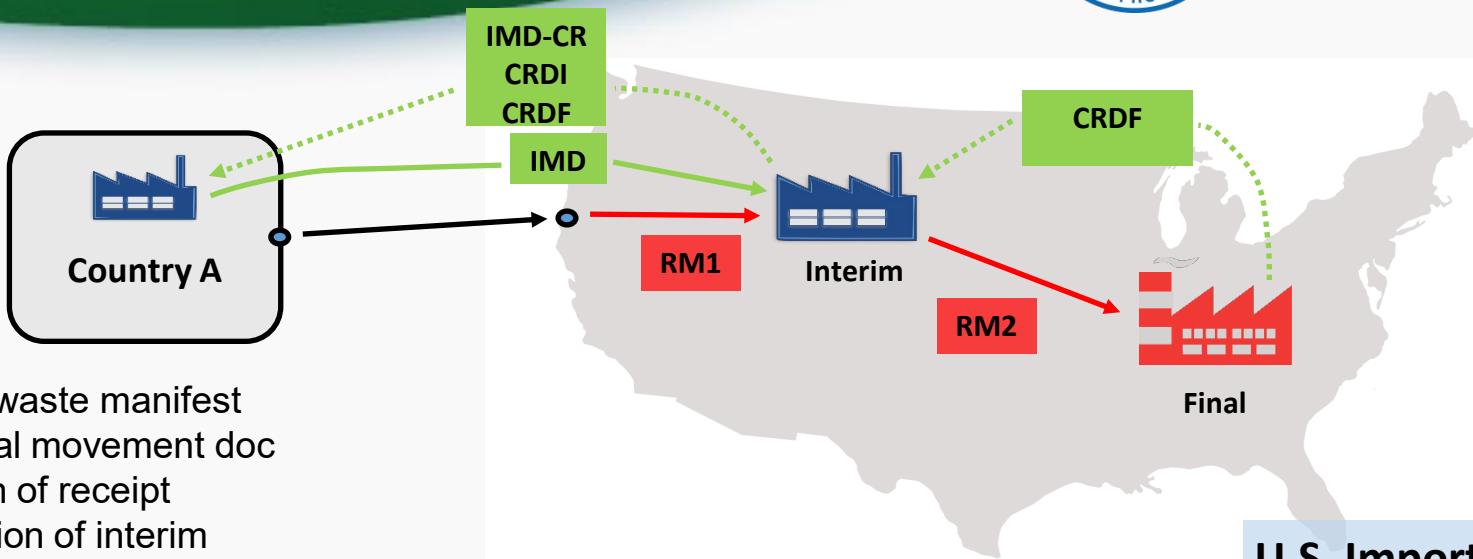
\* For contracts that will be in effect on or after the electronic import-export reporting compliance date that is defined in 40 CFR 260.10 and will be established in a future Federal Register notice, the contract must also specify that interim facility send copy of confirmation of final recovery or final disposal electronically to EPA at the same time

## Imports:

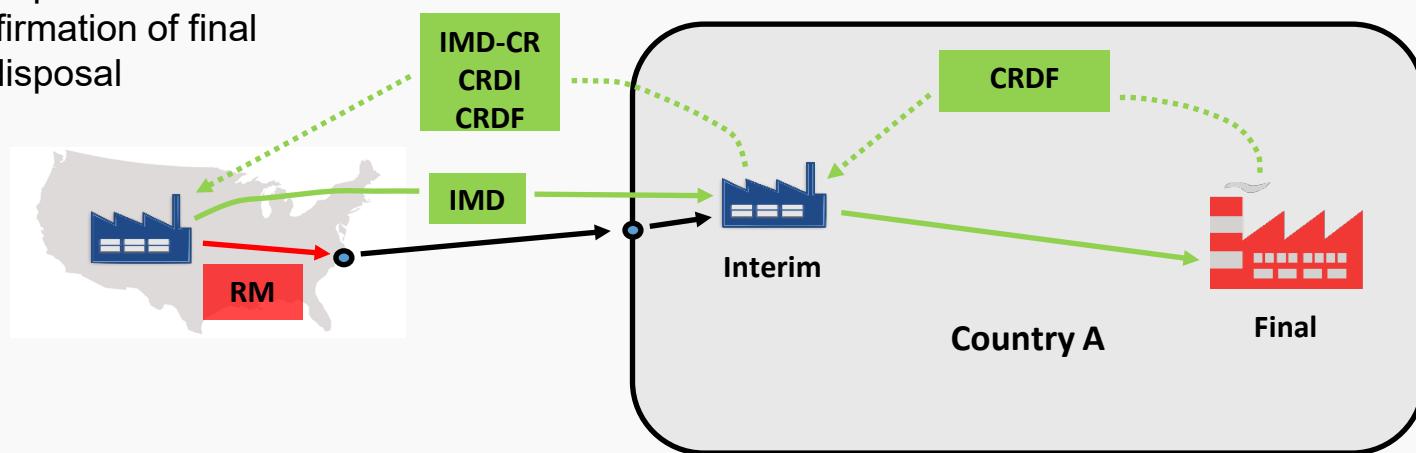
- 40 CFR 262.84(f)(5) requires that contracts specify that the US importer or US interim facility provide notification to EPA prior to any re-export of the waste to a final facility in another country
- 40 CFR 262.84(g)(2) and 264.12(a)(4)(ii)/265.12(a)(4)(ii) requires that the US interim facility send confirmations of final recovery or final disposal that it receives from the final facility to the country of export\*

\* For confirmations received on or after the electronic import-export reporting compliance date, the US interim facility must also send copy of confirmation of final recovery or final disposal electronically to EPA at the same time

# Tracking Shipments



RM = RCRA haz waste manifest  
IMD = international movement doc  
CR = confirmation of receipt  
CRDI = confirmation of interim recovery or disposal  
CRDF = confirmation of final recovery or disposal



**U.S. Exports**

# Questions?



Review information on requirements and guidance materials at

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