



FEAD BULLETIN N° 58 - 19 November 2021

Communication, Networking and Future Events

- 15th November 2021: DG Grow organised an online workshop, on the review of the [Concessions Directive](#) 2014/2000. Main outcome is:
 - Significant increase of the number of concessions across Europe, since 2016
 - In three sectors: cultural/entertainment, catering, energy projects, and in three countries: France, Italy, Germany, while works decreased
 - **The European Commission does not plan to propose mandatory green criteria in public procurement/concessions, but rather to use sectorial legislation to set up some mandatory requirements on products which will help public purchasers buy green products and services.**
 - The study that was presented will be published by the end of 2021, and the report by DG GROW on the way forward should be ready by mid-2022.
- 16th November 2021: FEAD's general secretary, Valerie Plainemaison attended as a panelist on the webinar from the Florence school of Regulation about "Municipal Waste Regulation in Europe: paving the road to address upcoming challenges". [Here](#) you can find the policy paper.

Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER):**
 - 6th October, the Commission has opened the public consultation on the **[draft General Block Exemption Regulation \(GBER\)](#)**.
 - It widens up the scope of existing provisions on aid for recycling and reutilisation of waste, by also covering investment aid for other investments that aim at increasing the level of resource efficiency or contributing to the transition towards a circular economy.
 - FEAD has prepared a **[draft response](#)** and sent it to members. We extended the deadline, please provide us with **your feedbacks by the 26th of November**.
- **Amendment to Annex I POP Regulation as regards hexachlorobenzene:**
 - The Commission has opened for **[feedback](#)** a Commission Delegated Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on POPs, as regards hexachlorobenzene.
 - Please provide us with your **feedback until 26 November 2021 COB**.
- **Amendment to Annex IV and V POP Regulation:**
 - The Commission has opened for feedback a **[Proposal for a Regulation amending Annexes IV and V to Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants](#)**.
 - Please provide us with your feedback until 3rd December 2021.
- **Technical Working Group LVIC BREF:**
 - the European Commission JRC published a **[letter](#)** asking for contacts who want to participate at the technical working group drawing up the new Large Volume Inorganic Chemicals (LVIC BREF).

- If you would like to nominate someone or like to participate by yourself, please provide us with your contact details (consisting of first name, last name, job title, organisation, address, telephone number and email address) **until 10th of December 2021.**
- **FEAD provided feedback to consultations:**
 - 15th November 2021: FEAD provided **feedback** to the JRC study on separate waste collection.
 - **Feedback to subgroup 0: Cross cutting and transversal issues**
 - **Feedback to subgroup 1: Logistics of waste collection**
 - **Feedback to subgroup 2: Dry recyclables**
 - 15th November 2021: FEAD provided a **reply** to the public consultation on the targeted revision of the Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (CLP).
 - 18th November 2021: FEAD provided **feedback** to the fit for 55 package.
- 17th & 18th November 2021: FEAD participated at the 42nd Meeting of Competent Authorities for REACH and CLP (CARACAL) REACH open session. The group was mainly updated on the current revisions of REACH and CLP, including the different studies that are being carried out by contractors, and on the work of certain subgroup, such as the subgroup on polymers or the subgroup on bio-elusion, among others. Please find the minutes **here**.
- FEAD continues campaigning on the Batteries regulation, ahead of negotiations within EP on “compromised amendments” to be prepared for the ENVI Committee vote on the 26th January 2022.
FEAD main goals are:
 - Keep mandatory recycled contents (MRC) unchanged and give some additional time to make sure MRC objectives are reached.

- Having the implementing act sooner than 31st December 2025.
 - Higher collection targets and separate collection.
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Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- **Single use plastic (beverage bottles and tobacco products):**
 - Member States experts have until 30 November 2021 to vote on the final draft Commission Implementing Decision on reporting and quality check of post-consumption waste of tobacco filters.
- **Single use plastic (cups for beverages and food containers):**
 - The Commission presented to Member State experts a reviewed draft Implementing measure on the reporting format for measures taken to reduce the consumption of cups for beverages and food containers on 16th November.
- **Waste shipment regulation:**
 - The Commission presented its [proposal for a Regulation](#) and [Annexes](#) revising Waste Shipment Regulation (No 1013/2006).
- **Critical raw materials:**
 - The European Parliament's ITRE committee published [the report](#) on the [Commission's action plan](#) on critical raw materials.
- **New regulatory framework for batteries:**
 - The Council is scheduled to discuss the Commission's proposal for a regulation on batteries at the technical level on 19th November 2021.
- **Correspondents Guidelines No 12:**

- The [correspondents guidelines No 12](#) – classification of plastic waste is adopted and will apply from 3rd December 2021.
 - The CG allow for a 6 % threshold of non-hazardous impurities/components for intra EU shipments. However, footnotes Nr. 12, 14 and 15 allow individual Member States to apply the stricter B3011 rules (i.e., 2%) also to EU3011.
- **REACH Regulation: Microplastics**
 - The Commission will not present its draft restriction on microplastics in 2021. The restriction, which is to be achieved through an amendment to the REACH Regulation, is to target microplastics intentionally added to products.
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Press Review & Reports

- 11th November 2021: The [report](#) commissioned by ECHA investigates the **current knowledge on chemical recycling of polymeric materials** such as plastics and rubber from waste. It introduces conclusions and recommendations that should be considered to further develop chemical recycling and reduce plastic pollution – particularly as the global production of plastics is expected to quadruple by 2050.
 - **“Trash is Cash”: revision of EU waste shipment regulation**
 - ENDS write an article about the main points in the proposal to revise the waste shipment regulation, which was adopted on 17th November. Among other things there mentioned the need for strict controls on exports to non-OECD countries or measures to facilitate recycling within Europe. Read the full article [here](#).
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Webinars & Conferences

- **DG GROW – “Chemicals – simplification and digitalization of labelling requirements” – Friday 26th November 2021 | 9:30 – 16:00 CET**
 - The Commission is organising an online stakeholder workshop for its initiative ‘Chemicals – simplification and digitalisation of labelling requirements’, relevant to the CLP, Detergents and Fertilising Products Regulations.
 - Here you can find the [meeting agenda](#) and the [invitation](#).
 - If someone is interested in participating, please **let us know by 22nd of November 2021 COB.**

 - **CEPS - “Chemical recycling: what is the state of play globally?” – Wednesday 24th November 2021 | 15:00 – 16:45 CET**
 - CEPS will organise a webinar about chemical recycling. The objective of this event will be to discuss the state of play of chemical recycling technologies globally, the challenges and opportunities offered by such solutions.
 - If you’re interested, please register [here](#).
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- **Frequency of FEAD Bulletin:** The bulletin will be sent maximum once per week, but without a minimum if it not necessary. If there is a slow week with no new relevant information, then we deem that it is not necessary to send it.

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