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Communication, Networking and Future Event

FEAD Biennial Conference & 40th Anniversary on 2nd June
 2022, 10 - 12 at IFAT Munich

Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

Initiative on Fertilising products:

- Regarding the initiative concerns amendments to the Fertilising Products Regulation (EU 2019/1009), as announced, we prepared a <u>preliminary draft</u>.
- Please provide us with your feedback and any comment by
 2nd March COB.

• Revision of REACH Regulation:

- The European Commission opened a public consultation questionnaire on the Revision of REACH Regulation to help achieve a toxic-free environment. FEAD prepared <u>draft</u> <u>feedback</u>.
- Please provide us with your feedback and any comment by
 3rd March COB

• Revision of Regulation on mercury:

 the European Commission opened a public consultation on the Revision of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury. The European Commission is concerning about the currently lack of efficient options for environmentally sound management of mercury containing waste in many importing countries outside the EU, which leads to a contamination of land and water bodies.

 Please provide us with any comments related to this topic by Friday 11th March 2022, COB.

• FEAD feedback:

 22nd February 2022: FEAD <u>provided feedback to the call</u> <u>for evidence</u> for the revision of the Waste Framework Directive.

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

• Industrial Emissions Directive:

6 NGOs sent an position paper to the executive on 17
Feburary. They call on the Commission to deliver on its
commitments by extending the scope of the Industrial
Emissions Directive to include mining, battery and
semiconductor production as well as livestock.

• Batteries:

- The Council of the EU send a <u>document</u> with holes to national delegations in mid-February. Paris removes the envisaged requirements for light means of transport batteries on incorporation of recycled material. It also proposes that the Commission should look into the matter within five years of the regulation's entry into force. France must now complete its proposal in order to achieve, as it hopes, a final text by 17 March, the date of the next meeting of European environment ministers.
- The Report of the European Parliaments' Lead Committee
 ENVI was made available.

 The European Parliament is expected to hold a debate on the Report during a plenary session to be held on 9 March 2022.

• Textiles:

The Commission plans to unveil its textiles strategy on 30 March. NGOs sent a <u>letter</u> to European Commission Vice-President Frans Timmermans in which they listed the measures they hope to see announced in a few weeks.

• ECHA:

 European Chemicals Agency published its proposal to restrict PFAS so-called "eternal" substances - because they are ultra-resistant in the environment.

Press Review & Reports

- **zerowasteeurope** published a joined statement about hazardous chemicals and food safety recycled plastic in food packaging.
 - Read the full statement **here**.
- ENDS Call for ban on hazardous waste shipments after
 Spain blocks landfill deal
 - The NGO Ecologistas en Acción has called for an EU ban on the transborder shipment of hazardous industrial waste after the Spanish government this week revoked permission for landfilling 70,000 tons of waste from Montenegro in Nerva, Andalusia.
 - Read the full article <u>here</u>.
- OECD published a <u>report</u> about plastic pollution grows relentlessly as waste management and recycling fall short.

Webinars & Conferences

International lead association (ILA) - Status update on the lead metal environmental classification

 The ILA had planned to have a call on 25.02. However, as there do not have all the pieces of the puzzle at hand yet, the ILA propose to postpone it to 7 March 2022, 14.30 CET.
 You can join the meeting here.

Conference on design solutions for a Circular Economy:

- Globe EU is organising an online event on 28th February 2022 at 16:00 CET. It will be about the Commission's Sustainable Product Policy Framework.
- Register <u>here</u>.

Circularity of bottles: Contributing to the EU Green Deal

- Euractiv will have an online event on the 15 March 2022 at 14.30 CET, to discuss what's the best recipe for meeting circular economy and climate objectives and whether DRS are an efficient way to meet collection and recycling targets for EU natural mineral and spring water producers set in the EU's Single Use Plastics Directive.
- Register <u>here</u>.

• Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference 2022:

- The focus of the conference on 1 & 2 March is on "sustainable products for sustainable consumption" with a wide range on associations working towards circular economy.
- Register here.

FEAD website - Reminder

- Go to your Member Area (<u>https://fead.be/index.php</u> > "Members Only")
- Enter your login and password (Please ask your login and password to <u>info@fead.be</u> if you forgot it)

- Go to "Active Files" and here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat. We keep it updated!
- 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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