



FEAD BULLETIN N° 33 - 11 December 2020

Communication, Networking, and Future Events

- **FEAD Press Release on the EC Proposal for a new Batteries Regulation**
 - On December 11, **FEAD** published a **Press Release** welcoming the new European Commission's proposal (dated 10 December) for a Regulation concerning batteries and waste batteries.
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Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **EC Consultation on Taxonomy Delegated Act:**
 - The Commission has **published** an initiative - **Public Consultation on a Draft Delegated Act on Sustainable finance – EU classification system for green investments.**
 - This week, FEAD has shared with all its Committees **a potential draft answer to the consultation.** The latter focuses on the following points:
 - Anaerobic digestion of sewage sludge and of bio-waste: the Sub-Committee on organic recovery will be soon consulted on a number of proposal put forward by some members.

- Material recovery from non-hazardous waste
 - Landfill gas capture and utilization: Committee 4 (landfills) will be soon consulted over certain alternative proposals put forward by some members.
 - A question on whether points on “cogeneration of heat and power from bioenergy” and “production of heat using waste heat” should be addressed by FEAD or suggested by other sector-specific organisations is currently internally discussed.
- Please send us your comments by **17 December COB**. (EC deadline for feedback is **18 December 2020** - midnight Brussels time).
 - Please, find [here](#) the Draft Delegated Regulation and the two Draft Annexes.
- **Stakeholder workshops for the IED and E-PRTR impact assessments:**
 - An online workshop is going to be held by the Commission and their consultants on **15 December to explain stakeholder consultations for the impact assessments for the IED and the E-PRTR Regulation**.
 - The scope of the workshop is as follows:
 - **Morning (09:30 to 12:20 CET) – Overview and IED session**
 - Overview of revisions of EU industrial pollution legislation
 - State of play of the IED Impact Assessment
 - Summary of IED issues and the policy options being considered
 - **Afternoon (13:30 to 15:00 CET) – E-PRTR session**
 - State of play of the E-PRTR Impact Assessment
 - Summary of E-PRTR issues and the policy options being considered
 - The current draft agenda can be found [here](#). You can attend one or both of these sessions. Further details and links for registration are available [here](#).
 - For the morning session (9:30-12:20) on **IED** you may directly register [here](#).
 - For the afternoon session (13:30-15:00) on **E-PRTR** you

may directly register [here](#). There are **separate registrations** for the sessions on the IED impact assessment and the E-PRTR impact assessment. If you wish to attend both, please register for each.

- Further background information can be found on the European Commission's '*Evaluation and Revision*' webpages for the [IED](#) and [E-PRTR](#).

- **CARACAL consultation - Guidance Annex VIII - Labelling packaging:**

- The ECHA Secretariat invites the CARACAL experts group (of which we're members) to comment on the **revised draft Guidance on harmonised information relating to emergency health response – Annex VIII to CLP (v.4.0) and the revised draft Guidance on labelling and packaging in accordance with the CLP Regulation (limited revision, v.4.2) developed by ECHA.**
- A detailed consolidated summary of the comments received from the Partner Experts Group consultation and a summary of ECHA's response to them are given in the overview spreadsheet [here](#).
- Please find attached the following documents:
 - Draft version 4.0 of Guidance on harmonised information relating to emergency health response – Annex VIII [here](#).
 - Draft version 4.2 of Guidance on labelling and packaging in accordance with the CLP Regulation [here](#).
 - Combined comments by the PEG group [here](#).
- Following the FEAD Committee 5 meeting, section 4.2 is related to **UFI codes** and this may give us the occasion to provide some inputs if we recognise there's a need.
- If you have **any comments on the above guidelines**, please forward them to us by the **8 January 2021 COB**.

- **EC Targeted stakeholder consultation on draft amendment of Commission Notice on Waste Classification:**

- DG ENV is running a targeted stakeholder consultation on a draft text towards the possible amendment of

the **Commission Notice on technical guidance on the classification of waste** (2018/C 124/01). The original existing guidance with no revision can be found [here](#).

- The amendment currently under consideration has the purpose of providing additional specific guidance on the **classification of waste containing substances which have a specific classification under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP), which applies only to a certain form or physical state of the substance concerned (e.g. titanium dioxide)**.
 - Changes introduced are shown in **track-changes** and are highlighted in **yellow in the text** (on page 23-24 of part 1 and on pages 73, 74, 75, 108 and 133 of the annex). Please note that other elements of the guidance are **not** subject to review.
 - Please, find [here](#) for your convenience **only the paragraphs with changes in the text**. The full versions are in the zip file [here](#).
 - Please, give us **your feedback on the revised elements by 8 January 2021 COB**.
- **EC Consultation on the 8th Environmental Action Programme:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2030**. The EC deadline for feedback is **31 December 2020** - midnight Brussels time).
 - Please find the Proposal for Decision [here](#).
 - **EC Consultation on Packaging and Packaging Waste:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) a new initiative - **Public Consultation on Reducing packaging waste – review of rules**.
 - FEAD has prepared a [draft reply](#) to the [EC Questionnaire](#). You may find the FEAD replies in the document in **yellow**. Please note that part 2 (from the beginning to page 11) is composed by general

questions to all stakeholders (including private people) and in **part 3 (from page 11 to the end)** are **questions targeted at experts**, so this is the most interesting part for FEAD. Please, provide us with **your feedback to the draft FEAD reply by 16 December COB** (EC deadline is **06 January 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- For your convenience, please find FEAD's response to the corresponding Roadmap [here](#).

- **EC Public Consultation on Construction products – review of EU rules:**

- FEAD has prepared a [draft response](#) to the public consultation - questionnaire of the EC initiative on **Construction products – review of EU rules**, which is published [here](#). Please, provide us with **your feedback by 14 December COB** (EC deadline is **25 December 2020** - midnight Brussels time).
- Our draft reply refers only to a **few points** (highlighted in the text of the word document in **yellow**), which give us the occasion to stress the issues of recycled materials:
 - Element 2: CE marking and Declaration of Performance (DoP).
 - Element 12: Environmental aspects (BWR7 Sustainable use of natural resources)
 - Element 13: Circular economy
- For your convenience, please, find the EC questionnaire [here](#), the Inception Impact Assessment [here](#), and FEAD's response to the corresponding EC Roadmap [here](#).

- **EC Consultation on the EU ETS:**

- The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on Climate change – updating the EU emissions trading system (ETS)**.
 - FEAD will prepare a draft response to the [EC Questionnaire](#) and we will share it with you for your feedback (EC deadline is **05 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- **EC Consultation on Effort Sharing Regulation:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on National emissions reduction targets (Effort Sharing Regulation) – review based on 2030 climate target plan.**
 - FEAD will prepare a draft response to the [EC Questionnaire](#) and we will share it with you for your feedback (EC deadline is **05 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).

- **EC Consultation on the Evaluation and Review of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (EED):**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on the evaluation and review of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (EED).** FEAD will provide feedback only if any members want us to do so. In any case, you can provide your separate responses (deadline for feedback is **09 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - For your convenience, please, find the Questionnaire, the Inception Impact Assessment, and FEAD's response to the corresponding Roadmap [here](#).

- **EC Consultation on the Review of the EU Renewable Energy Rules:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on the review of the EU renewable energy rules (REDII).** FEAD will provide feedback only if any members want us to do so. In any case, you can provide your separate responses (deadline for feedback is **09 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - For your convenience, please, find the Questionnaire, the Inception Impact Assessment, and FEAD's response to the corresponding Roadmap [here](#).

- **EC Consultation on EU Action Plan Towards a Zero Pollution Ambition for air, water and soil:**

- The Commission has [published](#) an initiative **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on EU Action Plan Towards a Zero Pollution Ambition for air, water and soil** (EC deadline is **10 February 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - **EC Consultation on Sewage sludge use in farming – evaluation:**
 - The Commission has [published](#) an initiative - **Public Consultation (questionnaire) on Sewage sludge use in farming – evaluation** (deadline for feedback is **05 March 2021** - midnight Brussels time).
 - For your convenience, please, find the Questionnaire, the Evaluation/Fitness Check Roadmap, and FEAD's response to the corresponding Roadmap [here](#).
 - **FEAD provided feedback to EC consultations:**
 - On 10 December 2020, FEAD [provided feedback](#) to the **EC Roadmap to revise the guidelines for state aid for environmental protection and energy**, which is published [here](#).
 - **FEAD feedback to the EC's draft Guidelines on EPR minimum requirements:**
 - FEAD has been asked to provide input into the ongoing finalisation of the **Commission draft guidelines on the general minimum requirements for EPR schemes set out in Article 8a of the Waste Framework Directive**.
 - Following the feedback received, [FEAD submitted a reaction paper](#) to the Commission (**10 December**) highlighting key issues, notably on the inclusion of construction and demolition waste under EPR as well as the need to properly assess the necessity of EPR schemes for certain streams (C&I waste) where B2B schemes are efficiently in place.
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Life of EU institutions

- IED Article 13 Forum - Latest reports of finalised projects available in CIRCABC. The Commission has published on CIRCABC the final reports of several projects that had been carried out:
 - **IED implementation support 2018-2020 – [final report](#).**
 - Project aimed to support Member States with a number of different mechanisms such as development of the on-line platform open to Member State competent authorities to store and share implementation information, and organisation and delivery of webinars and workshops related to specific BAT conclusions as well as to general IED issues.
 - **An Assessment of IED Permitting stringency – [final report](#).**
 - The first pilot project to better understand how Member State competent authorities use BAT conclusions to set permit conditions for IED installations (project focused on setting ELVs in permits with regard to the BAT-AELs ranges).
 - **IED Additional Permit Assessment – [final report](#).**
 - The second pilot project continuing the assessment carried under the 1st one (see point 2 above). The project focused on narrative BAT from CLM BAT Conclusions.
 - **Innovation Observatory – [final report](#).**
 - This pilot project aimed to assess the functionality and effectiveness of a novel techniques 'Innovation Observatory' to support the BREF review process.
- **CoR Online Stakeholder Consultation on the EU Chemicals Strategy:**
 - The European Committee of the Regions is currently preparing its response to the European Commission's Communication: [Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability: Towards a Toxic-Free Environment](#), published last October. The strategy is part of the EU's zero pollution ambition, a key commitment of the European Green Deal.

- **Rapporteur Mr. Adam STRUZIK (PL/EPP), the President of Mazovia Region** and his expert would like to invite you to discuss the most important challenges and opportunities at regional and local levels related to this Strategy.
- You can [register here](#). More details will be available closer to the date of the event. The meeting will be held online, in English and Polish.

This week's focus: EC Proposal for a Regulation concerning Batteries and Waste Batteries

- On 10 December, the Commission proposed to modernise the EU legislation on batteries, through an amending Regulation – **repealing directive 2006/66** and **amending Regulation 2019/1020**.
 - Please, find the proposed Regulation [here](#) and its annexes [here](#).
- On December 11, FEAD published a relevant [Press Release](#).
- The main objectives tackled are (1) promoting competitive sustainability in Europe and (2) minimising the environmental impact of batteries.
- In summary:
 - Batteries placed on the EU market should become sustainable, high-performing and safe all along their entire life cycled.
 - **Mandatory requirements for all batteries placed on the EU market** through clear and transparent labelling. These include:
 - Use of responsibly sourced materials with restricted use of hazardous substances
 - **Minimum content of recycled materials:**
 - by 2025, the Commission will adopt an implementing act laying down the methodology for the calculation and verification of cobalt, lead, lithium or nickel recovered from waste.
 - By 2030, industrial batteries, electric vehicle batteries and automotive batteries with a capacity above 2kWh containing cobalt, lead, lithium or nickel shall be accompanied by technical

documentation demonstrating the share of recycled content in each battery model and batch per manufacturing plant:

- 12% cobalt, 85% lead, 4% lithium, 4% nickel.
- By 2035: 20% cobalt, 85% lead, 10% lithium, 12% nickel.
- Additional delegated act on the matter by 2027.
- **Labelling and information requirements:** mandatory by 1 January 2027 and market with a QR code (art.15(5))
- Performance, durability and labelling:
 - From 2027, portable batteries should meet specific requirements (defined through delegated act by 31 December 2025)
 - By 2030, Commission to assess feasibility of phasing out the use of non-rechargeable portable batteries.
- **Meeting collection and recycling targets: obligations for manufacturers**
- **GPP** (all public bodies should take into due account the sustainability of the products when procuring, for instance, electric vehicles)
- **Targets on the content of recycled materials and collection, treatment and recycling of batteries at the end-of-life.**
 - For **collection** of portable batteries: from 45% (current) to 65% in 2025 and 70% in 2030.
- Take back mechanism established by distributors
- EPR schemes to be extended
- Treatment and recycling (art 56): Collected waste batteries shall not be landfilled or incinerated
- Recycling efficiency (art 57): The Commission shall, by 31 December 2023, adopt an implementing act to establish detailed rules regarding the calculation and verification of recycling efficiencies and recovery of materials.
- Shipment of waste batteries (art 58): the exporter to prove that the treatment took place in conditions that are equivalent to the requirements of this Regulation

- Reporting (art 61): Waste management operators carrying out treatment and recyclers shall report to the competent authorities for each calendar year the following information: (a) the amount of waste batteries received for treatment and recycling; (b) the amount of waste batteries entering recycling processes; (c) information on recycling efficiencies and levels of recovered materials for waste batteries.
 - Definition of a framework that will facilitate the repurposing of batteries from electric vehicles.
 - Use of new IT technology:
 - **Battery Passport for every battery** (art.65): showing they are coming from, what is contained in them (through blockchain technology).
 - Interlinked data space to provide transparency, traceability and data sharing.
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Press Review & Reports

- **CEFIC report on Chemical Recycling**
 - CEFIC has published a [new report](#) (October 2020) on **Chemical Recycling: Greenhouse gas emission reduction potential of an emerging waste management route.**
- **OECD - Workshop Report for the OECD Workshop on Improving Alignment of Chemicals and Waste Management Policy**
 - Find the report dated 9 October 2020 [here](#).

Webinars & Conferences

- **ISWA Webinar - Enhancing Textile Circularity**
 - ISWA held a webinar on Wednesday 2 December 2020, on enhancing textile circularity. You can watch the recording [here](#).

- **EU German Presidency Event on the European Green Deal and Nature-based Solutions, hosted with IUCN and UNEP**
 - Monday 14 December 2020, 14:00 – 17:00 PM CET. Register [here](#).
 - **Call for Innovations and Abstracts – Renewable Materials Conference**
 - 18 - 20 May 2021, Cologne, hybrid event – on-site and online. Featuring a unique concept to present all sustainable and renewable material solutions at one event: bio-based, CO₂-based and recycled. Deadline for submission: 31 March 2021.
 - More information [here](#).
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