

## FEAD BULLETIN N° 83 - 10 June 2022

# **Communication, Networking and Future Events**

- FEAD would like to thank everybody for attending our biennial conference last week on the 2nd of June and helping us to mark our 40th anniversary with great success!
  - For more detailed information and conference slides/video/photos please <u>visit our website</u>.
- ADR Fifth meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Transport of Hazardous Waste
  - 15 and 16 June 2022 in The Hague (NL) & online with representatives from Belgium, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, Luxembourg, Spain, Sweden and the UK.
- FEAD will speak at the **EUROBAT annual forum** on 24 June.
- FEAD will give a political statement at a DUH webconference on the EU Batteries Regulation (date in June/July tbc).
- <u>SAVE THE DATE</u> for a public, hybrid event on the Waste Shipment Regulation organised by FEAD, with MEP Rapporteur Pernille Weiss and DG ENVI Head of Unit on Waste, Mattia Pelllegrini: 11th July, from 13h00 to 14h30, Brussels.
- FEAD presentation at the ECR Expert Class ADR in Osnabrück (DE), 5 July 2022.

# **Ongoing Surveys and Consultations**

#### Industrial Emissions Directive:

- On 5 April 2022, the Commission adopted proposals for revised EU measures to address pollution from large industrial installations. These proposals concern <u>revision of</u> <u>the IED</u>, which also includes the amendment of Art.1 of the Landfill Directive.
- We organised an online meeting, on Wednesday 15 June (10.00 to 11.30), to address the issue and find a shared position.
- FEAD prepared <u>draft feedback</u>.
- For those who will not be able to attend the meeting, we kindly ask them to send their feedback by 16 June COB.

#### RED II revision

- The ENVI Committee adopted its <u>opinion</u> on the RED II revision as associated committee at the European Parliament. The leading committee, ITRE will vote on 14 July.
- The ENVI opinion and the tabled amendments by ITRE include critical aspects.
- FEAD prepared an updated draft <u>position paper</u> with the feedback received.
- Please give your final approval/comments by next Friday,
   17 June.

## Household waste collection during the COVID-19 pandemic:

 IWMA, FEAD's Irish member is asking for our support to demonstrate that a fully privatised model of household waste collection benchmarked very well against other models managed by the municipalities during the COVID-19 pandemic.  Therefore, we ask for your support to provide any data, reports or media articles on the performance of household waste collection in your own Country during the pandemic.
 Please send everything to paolo.campanella@fead.be

#### Commission's Sustainable Products Initiative:

- o The Commission's Sustainable Products Initiative is now open for feedback. The draft Ecodesign Regulation repeals the current Directive 2009/125/EC and empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts with ecodesign requirements for, or in relation to, products. According to the Communication, the extension of the Ecodesign framework (currently only for energy-related products) is to cover the broadest possible range of products, without mentioning any specific categories or priorities.
- Please provide us with your feedback to the <u>draft FEAD</u>
   <u>feedback</u> by Friday, 10 June 2022, COB.

#### FEAD feedback:

 On request by our Italian members, FEAD submitted <u>feedback</u> on the Italian proposal for a Decree on "Inert waste from construction and demolition activities and other inert waste of mineral origin", to DG GROW.

# **Monitoring of EU Institutions**

### **Life of EU institutions**

- Threshold values for contaminanats in green-listed plastic waste:
  - The Netherlands applies a total maximum level of 2% by weight of the consignment for the content of contamination and other types of wastes under entry EU3011 and for mixtures of plastic waste covered by point 4 of WSR Annex IIIA for shipments with the Netherlands as the country of dispatch or destination. For transit, the total maximum levels agreed by the competent authorities of dispatch and of

destination are respected, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Correspondents' Guidelines No. 12. The rationale for applying this level can be found **here**.

### • CBAM:

 Social Democrats (S&D) and centrists (Renew) confirm their willingness to set 31 December 2031 as the date for the end of free allowances on the carbon market (ETS) in sectors linked to the border carbon mechanism (CBAM). They maintain free allowances for the 10% of European exports that are the most "decarbonised".

### • Environmental Crime Directive:

EU27 justice and home affairs ministers approved a partial general approach on the revision of the Environmental Crime Directive, which aims to toughen sanctions for environmental damage. French Justice Minister Eric Dupond-Moretti said ministers reached an agreement on common definitions of environmental crimes and offenses but need more time to discuss harmonized sanctions. The partial agreement means the Council of the EU could, in theory, start negotiations with the Parliament on the agreed aspects. But the Parliament hasn't yet agreed its own position in the file.

### • Industrial Emissions Directive:

 In a ruling issued on 2 June, the European Court of Justice thus interprets the 2010 Industrial Emissions Directive and its definition of "substantial change", which sets out the level of requirements to be met by covered installations when the operating permit is changed.

### • First international negotiating session on a future plastics treaty:

 This first meeting of the intergovernmental negotiating committee, whose creation was agreed on 2 March 2022 as part of the launch of talks on a multilateral agreement on plastic pollution, is expected to take place the week of 28

### • Import ban plastic waste:

 The Malaysian state of Selangor has banned the import of plastic waste and will be limiting consideration and approval of new licenses for plastic waste recycling plants. Malaysia already has current requirements of 0% non-recyclable contaminants for plastic waste imports.

#### • Fit for 55:

MEPs rejected compromises on three major climate laws on 8 June, including changes to the carbon market and a carbon tax at the EU's borders. The three reports will have to be re-submitted in a few weeks' time, while a stable majority is found. The ENVI Committee will first discuss the matter next week among political groups' coordinators, in order to find a way forward on the files, with the aim of quickly adopting Parliament's position on the texts and starting inter-institutional negotiations. The vote in ENVI could possibly take place on 22-23 June. No date is set yet for the plenary vote.

## • Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU:

 EU Environment Ministers will meet for an informal meeting in Prague from 12 to 14 July, according to the draft timetable prepared by the Czech Republic, which will take over the Presidency of the Council of the EU from France on 1er July.

## Battery Regulation:

 The <u>state of play</u> of the European negotiations on the battery regulation was leaked. The Parliament's desire to apply targets for the incorporation of recycled material in all batteries also rebuffs the other two institutions.

# • Waste Shipment Regulation:

The European Parliament's Committee on Environment,
 Public Health and Food Security (ENVI) made available

### • Single-Use Plastic (Beverage Bottles Targets Calculation):

 The Commission is scheduled to present its draft Implementing Act to Member State experts of the Committee for the adaptation to scientific and technical progress on Waste on 27 June 2022.

### • Construction and Demolition Waste:

- A Commission official said that the scoping study is expected to be published by the end of the third quarter of 2022.
- A follow-up study assessing the feasibility of revising recovery targets for construction and demolition waste is planned to be finalised by the end of 2023.

## • Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive Revision:

- The <u>presentation</u> of the workshop on the revision of the PPWD, held on 30 May 2022, was made available on 1 June 2022.
- The <u>summary record</u> of the Expert Group on Waste meeting held on 17 March 2022 was made available.
- The Commission is now expected to adopt its proposal in autumn 2022.

### • WEEE Directive:

- The <u>summary record</u> of the meeting of the Expert Group on Waste, held on 7 April 2022, was made available on 30 May 2022.
- The Commission is provisionally expected to come forward with a proposal mending some key provisions of Directive 2019/12/EU (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive; WEEE) laying down rules on waste from electrical and electronic equipment throughout the EU by the end of 2022.

# **Press Review & Reports**

- EEA IPCC report: 'Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change'
  - The Summary for Policymakers (released on 4 April 2022) presents the key findings of the Working Group III Report, as a contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report of the IPCC. The Working Group III Report provides an updated global assessment of progress in climate change mitigation and related pledges and examines the sources of global emissions.
  - Read the full report <u>here</u>.
- ENDS Recriminations after Parliament fails to pass key Fit for 55 files
  - Progress on reforming the emissions trading system (ETS)
    has stalled after the European Parliament voted to send the
    file back to the environment committee, in a shock move that
    has sparked accusations of betrayal.
  - Read the full article **here**.

#### OECD - Global Plastics Outlook

- At the current rate, plastic waste production is expected to triple over the next 40 years, with releases to the environment doubling to 44 million tonnes per year. If nothing is done, "the global community is far from achieving its long-term goal of ending plastic pollution".
- Read the full report 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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