



## FEAD BULLETIN N° 85 - 24 June 2022

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### Communication, Networking and Future Events

- Happy 40th anniversary to [VOEB](#), FEAD's Austrian member.
- **[Register now!](#)** 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 Pelligrini: **11th July, from 13h00 to 14h30, Brussels.**
- FEAD presentation at the ECR Expert Class ADR in Osnabrück (DE), 5 July 2022.
- FEAD will give a political statement at a DUH webconference on the EU Batteries Regulation, 5 July 2022.
- FEAD will speak at “Latvia's Green Course in Waste Management”, 25-26 August 2022.
- CAObH/ FEAD event in Prague (CZ), 22 September 2022

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### Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- **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](mailto:paolo.campanella@fead.be)

- **FEAD feedback:**

- 22 June 2022, FEAD provided [feedback](#) to the Commission's Sustainable Products Initiative.

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## Monitoring of EU Institutions

### Life of EU institutions

- Method of calculating the recycled content in plastic bottles:
  - The [draft implementing act](#) of the Single Use Plastics Directive prepared by the EU executive, to prepare for incorporating mandatory recycled content in bottles, was published.
  - The European Commission is due to present its proposal to the Member States on 27 June, in order to clarify the trajectories, set for 2025 and 2030 in the directive on single-use plastics. The EU executive wants to move forward in two steps, by establishing a methodology dedicated essentially to mechanical recycling, excluding chemical processes that require a more complex "mass balance" approach, due to the lack of traceability and accounting of the material. But this exclusion will not be definitive. The Commission will modify its methodology at a later stage, in order to give itself time to develop an appropriate approach to chemical recycling.
- Environmental crime:
  - French Presidency presented new suggestions on the "sanctions" part. The changes introduced mainly concern

sanctions against natural persons. In particular, the Presidency suggests that the recycling of ships in facilities not included in the dedicated European list (Art. 3.2.g) and the discharge of polluting substances from ships (Art. 3.2.h) could be exempted from criminal sanctions.

- Coreper I:
  - The executive has found its representative in the cénacle of deputy ambassadors of the EU-27 - "Coreper 1", Elies Messaoudi which deals with subjects such as energy, environment, digital and transport policies.
  
- Climate package:
  - The ambassadors of the EU-27 (Coreper) will have to return on 22 and/or 24 June to several key texts. The date of introduction of the carbon market for roads and buildings (ETS bis), the mechanism against price increases and the rate of reduction of allowances "remain to be fine-tuned" after the discussions in Coreper on 17 June. Some ten states are still opposed to the French proposal.
  
- Czech presidency:
  - The Czech presidency announced they **major priorities**.
  
- European Commission:
  - The European Commission's unstable **agenda** for the second half of 2022.
  - The revision of the Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Chemicals (CLP) has also been added to the 'zero pollution' package of 26 October.
  
- Waste – to – Energy:
  - The European Commission highlight's the role of waste incineration in developing carbon capture at a conference organised by the European lobbies representing waste-to-energy activities, Cewep and Eswet, on 21 June.
  
- New regulatory framework on batteries:

- The second round of interinstitutional negotiations initially expected to take place on 13 June, was provisionally delayed to 29 June 2022, based on the [4-column position of Council and EP](#).
- WSR revision:
  - Member States' Environment Ministers are scheduled to meet to discuss the state of play of the file during the Environment Council taking place on 28 June 2022.
- Circular economy package II:
  - A second circular economy package, initially slated to be published on July 20, is now scheduled for November 30.
  - The new package includes a proposal for a regulation on substantiating environmental claims; a policy framework for bio-based, biodegradable and compostable plastics; a review of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive; a revision of EU chemicals legislation and others.
- Recycled Plastics Standards:
  - Member States experts have until 1 July 2022 to vote on the [final draft Commission Implementing Decision](#) on a standardisation request concerning plastic recycling and recycled plastics.
- POPs:
  - The co-legislators reached a provisional agreement during the third round of trilogue held on 20 June 2022.
    - HBCDD: 500 mg/kg + review clause to lower that value to 200mg/kg, 5 years after entry into force
    - PBDE's: 500 mg/kg + 3 years after entry into force to 350 mg/kg + 5 years after entry into force to 200 mg/kg
    - inclusion of PFHxS (also included in the Stockholm convention now) and PFOA
    - The Commission will assess whether to amend EU waste legislation to assess if waste containing any persistent organic pollutants exceeding the concentration limits indicated in Annex IV to the POP

regulation should be classified as hazardous.

- Basel Convention:
  - The second segment BC COP-15 face-to-face meeting took place from 6-17 June 2022 in Geneva.
  - Amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX: **all transboundary movements of e-wastes** (whether hazardous or not) are **subject to the prior informed consent** of the importing state and any state of transit.
  - **Technical guidelines** on mercury wastes **adopted**, as well as three **updated** technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes from POPs. Other adopted technical guidelines included the environmentally sound incineration of hazardous and other wastes as covered by disposal operations D10 and R1, and the environmentally sound disposal of hazardous wastes and other wastes in specially engineered landfill (D5).
  - Decisions to **update** the **technical guidelines** on the environmentally sound management of **waste lead-acid batteries**, to **initiate** the development of **technical guidelines** on the environmentally sound management of **other waste batteries**, and to move forward on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents.
  - The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2025.
  - 22 countries demanded more work on when e-waste is a waste and when it is not to avoid loopholes in form of exports for repair. Many Parties wish to base the definition on functionality. This will now be the thrust of continued negotiations starting next year.
  - Meetings documents can be accessed from the [meetings documents page](#).

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## Press Review & Reports

- **RecyClass - RecyClass Publishes the Design Book to Support the Plastic Industry in Designing Recyclable Packaging**

- Read the full article [here](#).
  - **ENDS - Parliament finalises position on ETS reform**
    - The European Parliament has reached an agreement on proposals to reform the EU emissions trading system, with broadened scope for the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), after the last vote saw the dossier sent back to committee.
    - Read the full article [here](#).
  - **ENDS - POPs: Deal reached on limits of harmful ‘forever chemicals’ in waste**
    - The value limits of a number of harmful chemicals ending up in waste will be further restricted and new chemicals will be added to the list of regulated substances, under an agreement on the revision of the 2019 POPs regulation reached on Monday evening by the European Parliament and Council negotiators.
    - Read the full article [here](#).
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## Webinars & Conferences

- RecyClass Unwrapped: Boosting the transparent uptake of recycled plastic
    - Join this session on **6 July** to learn more about legislative & market developments, as well as on how RecyClass Certifications can help the transparent uptake of recycled plastic.
    - Register [here](#).
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