The circular economy package and potential orientations for paper recycling

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AGENDA

• The circular economy agenda
• Outcomes from waste package revision
• Plastics Strategy
• Activities and focus by CEPI
Timetable on policy files relevant for CEPI

Status of the negotiations

- European Parliament and Council reached an informal agreement on 17 December
- Text is not yet available
- Different elements of relevance:
  - calculation method
  - separate collection
  - recycling targets
  - minimum requirements for EPR

- Any of the following points is yet to be confirmed (text not available at this point)
New calculation method

• Replacement of the 4 current methods by one method (input to recycling)
• Possibility of derogation to use output of sorting minus losses (exact losses, or average loss rates)
• Method to calculate average loss rates will be adopted by a delegated act

New Recycling Targets

• Recycling Targets: municipal solid waste (MSW): level of EC proposal maintained, but 5 more years to reach the target of 65%
• (55% – 2025; 60% – 2030; 65% – 2035; current target 50% by 2020, current level: 42%)
New packaging waste recycling targets

- Overall, the level of the EC proposal is maintained for 2025 (65%), but level for 2030 reduced by 5% (70% instead of 75%)
- Waste streams specific targets: with the exception of wood, the levels have been increased compared to existing levels, less than proposed by the Commission.
- Paper Packaging Recycling Rate: 75% by 2025, 85% by 2030 as proposed by the European Commission.
- The possibility of a time limited derogation for 1 or 2 specific waste streams (together max. minus 15%) is introduced.

Areas of implementing legislation

- Delegated Act on the calculation of average loss rates
- Commission will monitor national EoW, where appropriate implementing acts to establish the detailed criteria
- Where appropriate, Commission may establish implementing acts on the detailed criteria for by-products
- Extended producer responsibility: Guidelines on contributions from producers?
Stronger rules on separate collection

- Separate Collection: existing separate collection for paper, metal, plastic and glass with tighter conditions for derogation (sparsely populated areas), rather than general derogation clause (TEEP)
- Separate collection of bio-waste

Results

- Final conference 24 January 2018
- Handbook on good and best practices
- Translations in several languages
- Continuation of the IMPACT Commitment
- COLLECTORS: H2020 project
- Top 5 recommendations for policy measures
Top recommendation for policy measures

To European Commission: develop guidance on separate collection

To Member States: Ensure all participate in EPR, and EPR funds go into separate collection

To municipalities: tender the collection in a way EN 643 grades can be produced directly or by further sorting

To collectors: make clear that handlers need to produce EN 643 grades from collected paper

To paper mills: implement strict PfR inbound quality control and refuse buying sub-standard material

Upcoming initiatives within the circular economy package

• Plastics Strategy
• Initiative to address the interface of chemical, product and waste legislation
• Monitoring framework for the circular economy
Plastics Strategy

• Proposed legislation on restriction of single use plastics – targeting most littered applications
• Proposed directive on waste handling by port facilities – mandatory collection for recycling
• Harmonised rules for defining and labelling compostable and biodegradable plastics
• LCA-based criteria for use of biodegradable plastics
• Restriction of oxo-degradable plastics application
• Feasibility of introducing taxation of fees on products / mandatory deposits schemes

Plastics Strategy

• Voluntary commitment of plastics producers and converters. 60% recycling by 2030

• Revision of Plastics packaging recycling targets to align with other materials
• Plastics pack design for recyclability – reuse by 2030
  Revision of the essential requirements for placing packaging on the market
• Integrating recycled content in GPP criteria
Plastics Strategy

• Full implementation of Extended producer responsibility (PPWD) for high-quality collection
• Feasibility of eco-modulation of EPR fees to reward “most sustainable design”
• Earmarking of 100M € H2020 funding for recycling R&D
• international standards for quality of recyclable or recycled plastics
• Finalise safety authorisation of food contact recycling processes
• EC guidance on separate collection for plastics packaging

Renewable Energy Directive

• CEPI concern Member States could divert from the waste hierarchy and burn waste for renewable energy
• Good wording from the European Parliament introduced:

By way of derogation from paragraph 1 of this Article, Member States shall ensure that no support scheme for energy from renewable sources is provided for municipal waste which does not comply with the separate collection obligations set out in Directive 2008/98/EC.

➔ To be secured in the Trilogue negotiations
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