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Proposal for a directive Article 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 4a

Reduction of post-consumption waste

Member States shall set up reduction targets for all products listed in Part A to limit post-consumption waste as follows: 50 % by 2025 and 80 % by 2030, with the aim of eventually replacing those products with environmentally-friendly alternatives.

Or. en

Justification

Strict reduction targets should be applied to all products deemed to have a detrimental impact on the marine environment. These products are among the top 10 most found SUPs on beaches with beverage bottles representing 60,04 % of weight of items found. Whereas the Commission proposal is to treat these items with EPR and awareness-raising measures, the proposal should be amended to apply consumption reduction targets to them in order to achieve the objective of a truly circular economy.

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Proposal for a directive Article 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 8a

Member States shall adopt and implement extended producer responsibility in accordance with this Article requiring producers to finance stewardship organisations established and managed independently of the producer to prevent, reduce and mitigate product waste, in particular waste from single-use plastic products.

Or. en

Justification

In order for stewardship organisations to be run effectively, independence from affected industries is imperative, this will avoid unnecessary interference.

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Proposal for a directive Annex I – Part A (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- Beverage bottles
- Food containers, i.e. receptacles such as boxes, with or without a cover, used to contain food that is intended for immediate consumption from the receptacle either on-the-spot or take-away without any further preparation, such as food containers used for fast food, except beverage containers, plates and packet sand wrappers containing food
- Packets and wrappers made from flexible material containing food that is intended for immediate consumption from the packet or wrapper without any further preparation
- Beverage containers, i.e. receptacles used to contain liquid such as beverage bottles including their caps and lids
- Wet wipes, i.e. pre-wetted personal care, domestic and industrial wipes
- Balloons, except balloons for industrial or other professional uses and applications, that are not distributed to consumers
- Lightweight plastic carrier bags as defined in Article 3(1c) of Directive 94/62/EC

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Proposal for a directive Annex I – Part E – indent 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- Tobacco products with filters and filters deleted marketed for use in combination with tobacco products

Or. en

Justification

Cigarettes are subject to excise duties. Member States have much discretion in the level of excise duties that they impose. Further, excise duties can and most likely already contribute to paying for litter efforts associated with the products, There is no reason to impose EPR schemes on producers of these products. It would be inefficient and could potentially contribute to illicit trade. Therefore, those products are deleted from Part E of the Annex as an SUP subject to EPR requirements.

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