

Amendment 103

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Report

A8-0317/2018

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Reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment
(COM(2018)0340 – C8-0218/2018 – 2018/0172(COD))

Proposal for a directive

Article 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 5 a

Use restrictions

Member States shall prohibit the intentional release into the atmosphere at public or private events of the single-use plastic products listed in Part Ba of the Annex.

Or. en

(Linked to an Amendment by the same author to a new Part Ba in the Annex.)

Justification

Balloons are amongst the top ten littered items on beaches. They are polluting and endanger wildlife. They should no longer be released into the environment just for fun. Several municipalities have enacted such bans to prevent mass balloon releases to the environment (more than 50 municipalities in the UK). Several US states have also adopted such bans (California, Florida, Tennessee, Virginia).

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(COM(2018)0340 – C8-0218/2018 – 2018/0172(COD))**Proposal for a directive****Article 8 – paragraph 3***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

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Member States shall ensure on that basis that a minimum collection rate of fishing gear containing plastic is achieved annually. From 2025 the minimum collection rate shall be 80 % calculated on the basis of the total weight of fishing gear containing plastic placed on the market in a given year in the Member State concerned, expressed as a percentage of the average weight of fishing gear containing plastic placed on the market in the three preceding years in that Member State.

Member States shall also ensure that those extended producer responsibility schemes achieve a recycling target of at least 15 % for fishing gear containing plastic by 2025. In order to achieve that target, Member States may additionally require the schemes to inter alia:
(a) modulate financial contributions in accordance with Article 8a(4) of Directive 2008/98/EC, to promote the placing on the market of fishing gear designed for re-use and recycling;

(b) establish deposit-refund schemes to encourage the return of old, derelict or unusable fishing gear;
(c) include monitoring, tracking and reporting programmes.

Or. en

Justification

According to the Commission's impact assessment (see page 62), an average of 80% of annual purchase of fishing gear is eventually brought ashore in the EU as a whole. Therefore, a separate collection target of 80% should be set - and not just of 50% as adopted by ENVI (AM 64). By applying the average quantity placed on the market over three years as the reference, one allows to account for fluctuations in consumption.

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Amendment 105

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Proposal for a directive

Annex I – part B a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***B a Single-use plastic products covered
by Article 5a on use restrictions***

***- Balloons, except balloons for industrial
or other professional uses and
applications, that are not distributed to
consumers***

Or. en

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