

Amendment 478

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Report**A9-0319/2023****Frédérique Ries**

Packaging and packaging waste
(COM(2022)0677 – C9-0400/2022 – 2022/0396(COD))

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 35***Text proposed by the Commission*

(35) The bio-waste waste stream is often contaminated with conventional plastics and the material recycling streams are **often** contaminated with compostable plastics. This cross-contamination leads to waste of resources, **lower quality secondary raw materials** and should be prevented at source. **As the proper disposal route for compostable plastic packaging is becoming increasingly confusing for consumers**, it is justified and necessary to lay down clear and common rules on the use of compostable plastic packaging, mandating it **only** when its use brings a clear benefit for the environment or for human health. This is particularly the case when the use of compostable packaging helps collect or dispose of bio-waste.

Amendment

(35) The bio-waste waste stream is often contaminated with conventional plastics and, **although to a much lesser extent**, the material recycling streams are **in some cases** contaminated with compostable plastics. This cross-contamination leads to waste of resources and should be prevented at source. It is justified and necessary to lay down clear and common rules on the use of compostable plastic packaging, mandating it when its use brings a clear benefit for the environment or for human health. This is particularly the case when the use of compostable packaging helps collect or dispose of bio-waste, **for example for products where the separation between the content and packaging is particularly complex, such as tea bags or coffee pods**.

Or. en

Justification

The available data show that the only major contamination is that of biowaste stream from non-biodegradable contaminating materials (traditional plastics etc.), while the presence of compostable plastic in material recycling streams is very low and can be easily managed. It should also be considered that there is no confusion in those legal systems which have clear labelling regulations and in which some applications can only be made in compostable materials.

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Proposal for a regulation**Recital 36***Text proposed by the Commission*

(36) For **limited** packaging applications made of biodegradable plastic polymers, there is a demonstrable environmental benefit of using compostable packaging, which enters composting plants, including anaerobic digestion facilities under controlled conditions. **Furthermore, where appropriate waste collection schemes and waste treatment infrastructures are available in a Member State, there should be a limited flexibility in deciding whether to mandate the use of compostable plastics for lightweight plastic carrier bags on its territory. In order to avoid consumer confusion about the correct disposal and considering the environmental benefit of circularity of the carbon, all other plastic packaging should go into material recycling and the design of such packaging should ensure that it does not affect the recyclability of other waste streams.**

Amendment

(36) For **some** packaging applications made of biodegradable plastic polymers, **especially those related with food consumption**, there is a demonstrable environmental benefit of using compostable packaging, which enters composting plants, including anaerobic digestion facilities under controlled conditions. **To facilitate the use of compostable packaging that helps collect or dispose of bio-waste, the requirements of EN 13432 "Packaging - Requirements for packaging recoverable by composting and biodegradation - Test scheme and evaluation criteria for final acceptance of packaging" should be revised with regard to composting times, permissible levels of contamination and restrictions on the release of microplastic to allow these materials to be processed in bio-waste treatment facilities in an appropriate manner. In addition, a similar standard for home-composting should be established in the Union.**

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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 67

Text proposed by the Commission

(67) In order to reduce the increasing proportion of packaging that is single use and the growing amounts of packaging waste generated, it is necessary to establish quantitative re-use **and refill** targets on packaging in sectors, which have been assessed as having the greatest potential for packaging waste reduction, **namely food and beverages for take-away**, large-white goods and transport packaging. **This was** appraised based on factors such as existing systems for re-use, necessity of using packaging and the possibility of fulfilling the functional requirements in terms of containment, tidiness, health, hygiene and safety. Differences of the products and their production and distribution systems, were also taken into account. The setting of the targets is expected to support the innovation and increase the proportion of **re-use and refill** solutions. **The use of single use packaging for food and beverages filled and consumed within the premises in the HORECA sector should not be allowed.**

Amendment

(67) In order to reduce the increasing proportion of packaging that is single use and the growing amounts of **low quality** packaging waste generated, it is necessary to establish quantitative re-use targets on packaging in sectors, which have been assessed as having the greatest potential for packaging waste reduction, large-white goods and transport packaging. **Further, targets should be introduced for the use of recyclable packaging made from renewable materials. This is** appraised based on factors such as existing systems for re-use, necessity of using packaging and the possibility of fulfilling the functional requirements in terms of containment, tidiness, health, hygiene and safety. Differences of the products and their production and distribution systems, were also taken into account. The setting of the targets is expected to support the innovation and increase the proportion of **re-use solutions as well as recycling. These targets take into account the fact that alternative single use packaging formats, such as packaging made from renewable materials, can achieve the same, or a better, overall positive environmental impact as re-useable or refillable packaging when considered on a full life cycle basis.**

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 31 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(31 a) 'recyclability' means the assessment of the compatibility of packaging with the management and processing of waste by design, based on separate collection, sorting in separate streams, recycling at scale or use of recycled materials to replace primary raw materials;

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 32 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(32 a) 'high-quality recycling' means any recovery operation as defined in Article 3, point (17), of Directive 2008/98/EC that ensures that the distinct quality of the waste collected is preserved or recovered during that recovery operation, so that it can be subsequently recycled and used with minimal loss of quantity or quality or function;

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 60 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(60 a) 'packaging made from renewable materials' means packaging which is made entirely from renewable non-fossil materials of biological origin with the exception of any paints, inks, mineral coatings and adhesives used in the packaging;

Or. en

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 60 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(60 b) 'single-portion food packaging' means single use packaging in the HORECA sector that contain individual servings used for condiments, preserves, sauces, coffee creamer, sugar and seasoning, that come into direct contact with food and which because of food soiling are more suitable for composting than recycling;

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. ***In case Member States choose to maintain or introduce national sustainability requirements or information requirements additional to those laid down in this Regulation, those requirements shall not conflict with those laid down in this Regulation and the*** Member States shall not prohibit, restrict or impede the placing on the market of packaging that complies with the requirements under this Regulation for reasons of non-compliance with ***those*** national requirements.

4. Member States shall not prohibit, restrict or impede the placing on the market of packaging that complies with the requirements under this Regulation for reasons of non-compliance with national requirements.

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to compostable plastic packaging.

Amendment

4. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to:

(a) compostable plastic packaging;

(b) inks, adhesives, paints, varnishes and lacquers used on packaging;

(c) any plastic part representing less than 10% of the total weight of the whole packaging unit.

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Proposal for a regulation

Article 8 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5 a. By 31 December 2025, compostable plastic packaging shall contain at least 50% of bio-based plastic feedstock, taking into account the sustainability requirements referred to in Article 7(11a).

Or. en

Justification

The amendment aims to recognize the importance of a minimum biobased content for compostable packaging, in line with the circular economy approach and the need to decarbonize the EU economy. It also provides an important competition instrument for European companies compared to Asian and American productions.