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# Key Policy Areas in 2021/22

## Waste Shipments

### EU Waste Shipment Regulation

- The Commission proposed a revision of the waste shipment regulation on 17 November 2021
- FEAD submitted its [feedback](#) and amendment proposals and issued a [press release](#)
  - Main aim of FEAD is to resolve existing bottlenecks and ensure safe shipments
  - Main risks/provisions: **restriction of exports**
- **The file is currently at the EP**
  - FEAD had 2 meetings with the rapporteur's office and participated in a public hearing organised by her
  - Draft report published in April 2022 (MEP Pernille Weiss – EPP), where most FEAD suggestions were considered.
  - Additional points were discussed with the rapporteur's office in a further meeting
  - Deadline to table amendments was in May 2022
  - **Date of Vote in ENVI Committee , initially envisaged in November, still uncertain (Plenary postponed after December?)**
  - FEAD position to submitted amendments was shared with all MEPs in the ENVI committee and meetings are being scheduled
- **First draft compromise that the French Council Presidency sent to national delegations at the end of June, before handing over to the Czech Republic. The document deals only with the first two titles of the draft revision of the Waste Shipment Regulation.**
- Public event with the rapporteur organised by FEAD in July 2022 (Brussels)
- FEAD' views on the amendments tabled by MEPs was shared with the Czech Presidency on 23 September in Prague

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### ADR (transport of dangerous goods by road)

- FEAD has been appointed since 2005 as recognized stakeholder by the RID/ADR/ADN Joint Meeting and from that date, actively participated in the development of specific “waste rules” in the ADR.

**The ADR was initially developed for dangerous goods of commercial nature and therefore did not take into account the specificities of waste. Therefore, FEAD proposed to initiate an ad hoc technical informal working group on the “Transport of (hazardous) waste”, which was approved with unanimity by the JM on its autumn 2018 session.**

- In order to prepare the IWG, FEAD prepared and circulated a list of issues regarding the transport of hazardous waste.
- Until now, 13 countries (AT, BE, DK, DE, FI, FR, IE, RO, ES, SE, CH, NL, UK) have joined the working group. FEAD takes initiatives and leads the working group. Internally, FEAD carries out its work within the “Subcommittee ADR”.
- **The Informal Working Group with the Member States has already met five times and closed some of the issued in the list.** The current status of each issue can be consulted here.

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- **Emissions Trading System (ETS)**

- At the ENVI Committee, all political groups support the inclusion of municipal waste incineration from 2026
  - The COM shall prepare an IA by end 2024, assessing the impact and the possibility of including in the EU ETS other waste management processes
- A revised Presidency compromise requires the Commission to submit a report by 31 December 2026, assessing the impact and feasibility of inclusion from 2031 (hazardous and/or municipal waste). The report shall, if appropriate, be accompanied by a legislative proposal to amend the Directive.
- FEAD issued a [press release](#), a [position paper](#) and submitted amendment proposals at the EP
- In line with the position adopted by the Board on 7 February 2022, FEAD had meetings with MEPs and the press, advocating for a prior IA as a condition for inclusion.
- Vote in Plenary in 2022
- **Current negotiations with the Council under Czech Presidency.** First trilogue took place on 11 July. Next rounds started in August and September. Czech Presidency informed on FEAD views on 23 September in Prague. **Next trilogue: 10 November**

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- **Ecodesign Regulation (Sustainable Products Initiative)**

- FEAD submitted its [feedback](#) and noted that recycling activities should be more clearly addressed in this initiative
- Three [parliamentary committees](#) will be in charge
  - ENVI remains the lead committee on this regulation but will share the file with IMCO and ITRE.
- S&D takes the lead in ENVI. **Alessandra Moretti, Italian MEP, has been appointed by her group (S&Ds) as rapporteur in the EP's ENVI committee, taking over from Simona Bonafè, who left her EU post following her national election in Italy.**
- **The ITRE Committee Rapporteur is developing a draft Opinion on the Commission's proposal, with the Committee then expected to discuss the expected draft Opinion, once published, on 28 November 2022.**

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## Batteries Regulation

- ITRE (Patrizia Toia – S&D) adopted draft opinion on 27 September 2021
- IMCO (Toine Manders – EPP) adopted draft opinion on 9 December 2021
- ENVI (Simona Bonafe – S&D) adopted draft opinion on 10 February 2022
- During a plenary session, the European Parliament adopted its negotiation on 10 March 2022
- **FEAD issued position papers, feedbacks, and press releases about the Committee reports and FEAD's key topics in the proposed Regulation**
  - **FEAD campaigned on the Batteries regulation**
    - **More than 40 meetings with MEPs or Assistants, and the EC**
    - **FEAD spoke at the EUROBAT annual forum on 24 June and gave a political statement at a DUH (German environmental NGO) web conference on the EU Batteries Regulation on 5<sup>th</sup> July**
  - FEAD final position paper on mandatory recycled content (MRC) as main point in the proposed batteries regulation, and increased collection
- **The European Parliament and the Council of the EU adopted MRC & increased collection targets in their report/ position.**
  - The last trilogue took place on 30 June. Further rounds will take place in October 2022.
  - FEAD views (MRC, separate collection, recovery efficiency/Delegated Act) shared with the Czech Presidency on 23 September in Prague
  - End of the negotiations delayed to Swedish Presidency (Q2 2023)

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## Waste Management and Chemicals

- Revision of EU legislation on hazard classification, labelling and packaging of chemicals
- Revision of REACH Regulation to help achieve a toxic-free environment
- Revising Annexes IV and V to the Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on **Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**
  - FEAD submitted its [feedback](#) to the EC and issued a [press release](#)
  - The EP ENVI Committee approved on 12 July the EU compromise on persistent organic pollutants as agreed on 20 June between MEPs and the French Presidency of the EU Council. The EP may adopt agreement in October 2022
- Review of the Restriction of the use of hazardous substances in electronics (**RoHS Directive**)
  - simplify and strengthen the legal framework, foresees a move towards ‘one substance – one assessment’
- Simplification and **digitalisation of labelling** requirements
- Revision of Annex I and III of **Basel Convention**: Annex I to the Basel Convention lists the categories of wastes to be controlled under the Basel Convention, including both specific waste categories (Y1 to Y18) and wastes having specific constituents (Y19 to Y45). Annex III to the Basel Convention lists hazardous characteristics (H1 to H13).
- ECHA’s Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) finalized a proposal indicating that **lead in metallic form should be classified as very ecotoxic for the environment**, no split classification between lead in its massive form and in its powder form
  - Material/products containing more than 2.5 ppm of lead would be classified
  - The International Lead Association issued a [position paper](#)

## Textile Strategy

- **Published on 30 March 2022.** The Commission wants to achieve the following goals by 2030
  1. Introduction of mandatory Ecodesign requirements
  2. Stopping the destruction of unsold or returned textiles
  3. Digital Product Passport
  4. Extended producer responsibility and boosting reuse and recycling of textile waste
    - Extended producer responsibility (EPR) requirements have proven to be effective in improving separate collection of waste.
    - Harmonised EU extended producer responsibility rules for textiles with eco-modulation of fees, as part of the forthcoming revision of the Waste Framework Directive in 2023.
    - The key objective will be to create an economy for collection, sorting, reuse, preparation for reuse and recycling.
  5. Supporting research, innovation, and investments
  6. Addressing the challenges from the export of textile waste
    - Additional point: – The Commission also encourages businesses to prioritise their efforts on fibre-to-fibre recycling.
- **Shadow rapporteurs have been appointed in the Environment Committee:** Pernille Weiss (EPP), Susana Solís Pérez (Renew) and Pär Holmgren (Greens) will be negotiating with Delara Burkhardt from the S&Ds, to draft the EP report on the textile strategy. **The draft report in the ENVI committee, prepared by German socialist Delara Burkhardt, will be finalised by 6 December, to be debated on 12 January 2023.**
- FEAD issued a press release and submitted its feedback to the public consultation on the Staff Working Document “Scenarios towards co-creation of a transition pathway for a more resilient, sustainable and digital textiles ecosystem”
- FEAD identified its textile experts and **created a working group for further work on this topic**

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- **End of Waste:**

- JRC and European Commission published the report “**Scoping and developing further end-of-waste (EoW) and by-product (BP) criteria**” where the priority list of waste streams for the development of EU-wide EoW criteria has been identified:
  - Plastics (First workshop end of May)
  - Textiles
  - Rubber
  - Mineral fractions of the construction and demolition wastes
  - Paper and cardboard
- The Commission and JRC started the work on the development of **EoW criteria for plastic waste** in Q2 2022, with the finalisation of the technical assessment expected in Q1 2024.
- The work on **EoW criteria for textile waste** will commence in 2023.
- **FEAD has prepared a [visual presentation](#) of the questionnaire responses to the End-of-Waste of paper.**

- **JRC study: “Separate collection of municipal waste: Development of a harmonised EU model”**

- The goal is to develop generic technical rules and detailed measures for a **potential harmonisation of municipal waste collection systems in the EU. Results expected December 2022**

- **Definition of Recycling:**

- JRC in collaboration with DG Environment presented the preliminary results of the study “Assessment of the definition of recycling”, within the context of the European Green Deal and the Circular Economy Action Plan 2.0.
- Last discussion meeting with JRC in the first half of June

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## Upcoming Topics

- **Revision of Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (a new Regulation)** (COM proposal) – 30 November 2022: **objective of full recyclability/reuse, maximum separate collection rates, mandatory recycled content**
  - FEAD already submitted feedback to EUNOMIA (consultancy)
  - Joint letter on “Right of first refusal”
  - Stakeholder workshop at the end of May
- **Policy framework on biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics** (COM proposal) – 30 November 2022
  - FEAD provided a [reply](#) to the public consultation questionnaire and a [position paper](#)
- **Carbon Removal Certification** (COM proposal) – 30 November 2022
- **Revision of End-of-Life Vehicles Directive** (COM proposal) – Q4 2022
  - FEAD provided [feedback](#) to the Commission Stakeholder Workshop
- **Treatment of waste oils** (COM report) – Q4 2022
- **SUP beverage bottles calculation and reporting rules on recycled plastic content** – Q4 2022
- **Updated list of restricted hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment** – Q4 2022
- **Limited Revision of Waste Framework Directive** (COM proposal) – Q2 2023

FEAD already submitted [feedback](#) to the Commission’s call for evidence for an IA

- **WEEE Directive revision** – Q3 2023
- **Landfill Directive revision** – 2024



## Upcoming FEAD events:

- 10 November 2022: UNECE · Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP.15). – **A FEAD representative was among the speakers**
- 15–16 November 2022: Public conference on Paper and Plastic recycling , Rotterdam– **A FEAD representative to be a speaker**
- 30 November 2022, online: ECHA Workshop on the Forum pilot project on Recovered Substances exempted from REACH registration – **FEAD representative to be a speaker**
- 2023 – Strasbourg : Parliamentary dinner organised ahead of the revision of the WFD. Co-organised by FEAD with EURiC, CEWEP, and Municipal Waste Europe. **28<sup>th</sup> February** (tbc) ?