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Communication, Networking and Future Events

• FEAD Press releases:

- 21st January 2022: FEAD issued a <u>press release</u> on the inclusion of the municipal incineration installations in the ETS.
- 21st January 2022: FEAD issued a <u>press release</u> on the revision Waste Shipment Regulation.

Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- Basel Convention:
 - The co-chairs of the <u>EWG on the RA</u> (Experts Working Group on the revision) have invited members and observers to provide <u>written feedback</u> on the possible amendments of Annexes I (Categories of waste to be controlled) and III (List of hazardous characteristics) of the Basel Convention by 28 February 2022.
 - Please provide us with any comments by 15 February 2022, COB.
 - A supplementary session of the Fourth meeting of the Expert Working Group on the review of annexes took place on 13 January 2022 (EWG on RA-4, part V). It was agreed during the session that the co-chairs, with the assistance of

the Secretariat, will prepare a text for B1110 mirroring entry A1180, for endorsement by electronic means. Here the **outcome** of the session.

• Lead classification:

FEAD participated on the meeting on the Lead ENV classification proposal. Please find here the minutes and presentation from the meeting. The next briefing session is proposed for Friday 25th February 2022 from 11-13 CET.

• REACH:

 FEAD participated in the Workshop on the reform of REACH Authorisation and Restriction, which took place on 12 November 2021. Please find <u>here</u> the report.

• FEAD provided feedback:

- 17th of January 2022: FEAD provided <u>feedback</u> to the Commission's proposal for a revised Waste Shipment Regulation.
- 18th of January 2022: FEAD provided <u>feedback</u> on future updated rules for recycled plastics intended to come in contact with food.

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

- Emission Trading System (ETS):
 - Zero Waste Europe welcomes the intention of the European Parliament's rapporteur, Peter Liese, who proposes to impose carbon quotas on the sector from 2028 onwards, after an impact assessment by end 2025, while the European Commission had left it out of the carbon market.
- <u>Taxonomy:</u>

- The environmental part of the taxonomy is delayed. The platform of experts responsible for making proposals to the European Commission should deliver its final report on the four environmental criteria of the green taxonomy at the end of February or the beginning of March 2022.
- Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR):
 - The European Parliament has published the draft report on ESR, which promotes carbo capture technologies (CCS/CCU). The report sets limits on CO₂ emissions by States for four sectors (waste, construction, part of transport and agriculture). The rapporteur proposes to allow Member States to deduct from their annual emission allowances carbon dioxide removed through carbon capture (limited to five percent of the annual emission allowances).
- New Regulatory Framework for Batteries:
 - Members of the European Council Working Party for Environment considered the compromise text and framework note on the proposal for batteries on 18th January 2022. The texts are not yet publicly available.
- <u>REACH:</u>
 - The European Commission launched a public consultation questionnaire to gather stakeholders input for the expected proposal. The online survey will be open until 15th of April 2022.
- <u>Bio-based, biodegradable, and compostable plastics:</u>
 - The European Commission launched a public consultation questionnaire to gather stakeholder views on the expected proposal. The online survey will be open until 15th of March 2022.

Press Review & Reports

- ECHA Four hazardous chemicals added to the Candidate List
 - The Candidate List of substances of very high concern now contains 223 entries for chemicals that can harm people or the environment.
 - Read <u>here</u> the article from ECHA.
- ENDS Tracker: Where does Parliament stand on the Fit for 55 files?
 - This tracker compares the draft reports of the European Parliament on the Fit for 55 proposed by the European Commission last year. The Council's positions are taken from the Slovenian presidency's progress report published in December.
 - Keep track, here.

Webinars & Conferences

- Businesseurope The future of the ETS and industrial competitiveness in Europe – Wednesday 9th of February 2022, 16:00 – 17:00 CET
 - With the reform of the ETS fully under way, the questions many in industry are asking are: How can the increased ambition be implemented without undermining the business cases for European companies?
 - Register here.

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