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Communication, Networking and Future Event

FEAD Biennial Conference & 40th Anniversary on 2nd June
2022, 10 - 12 at IFAT Munich

Ongoing Surveys and Consultations

- Call for evidence on the certification of carbon removals:
 - The Commission opened for feedback a <u>call for</u> <u>evidence</u> on the certification of carbon removals according to the Communication on Sustainable Carbon Cycles.
 - Please provide us with your feedback to the <u>draft FEAD</u> <u>answers</u> to the Commission's questionnaire by Friday, 15 April 2022, COB.

• Revision of REACH Regulation:

- The European Commission opened a public consultation questionnaire on the Revision of REACH Regulation to help achieve a toxic-free environment. FEAD prepared <u>draft</u> feedback.
- Please provide us with your feedback and any comment by 10th March COB.
- Revision of Regulation on mercury:

- the European Commission opened a public consultation on the Revision of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury. The European Commission is concerning about the currently lack of efficient options for environmentally sound management of mercury containing waste in many importing countries outside the EU, which leads to a contamination of land and water bodies.
- Please provide us with any comments related to this topic by Friday 11th March 2022, COB.

Monitoring of EU Institutions

Life of EU institutions

• Sustainable Product Initiative:

 The <u>draft document of the SPI proposal</u>, to be released on 30 March (as part of the Circular Economy Package I) was leaked this week. This draft proposal revises the Ecodesign Directive, both in terms of products (scope) and new (performance, information, disclosure, and labelling) requirements.

• Ban of lamps containing mercury:

 The European Union has endorsed the end of these lamps containing the highly toxic metal mercury by publishing a series of delegated acts in the Official Journal on 24 February.

• <u>5. United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA):</u>

 UNEA has initiated concrete negotiations for a legally binding global plastics agreement. Delegations in Nairobi voted unanimously to establish a so-called intergovernmental negotiating committee to negotiate the international agreement. The agreement is to become legally binding by the end of 2024 at the latest.

- <u>Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes (15th COP):</u>
 - The Council <u>draft Decision</u> would establish the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU at the second meeting of the 15th Conference of Parties to the Basel Convention to be held over 6 to 17 June 2022 regarding amendments to Article 6(2) on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste and their Disposal.

Press Review & Reports

- ENDS MEPs look to clamp down on POP emissions from waste sector
 - A Renew Europe lawmaker has called for EU rules on routine pollutant monitoring around energy-from-waste plants, as members of the European Parliament's environment committee considered draft amendments to increase thresholds for POPs found in waste.
 - Read the full article <u>here</u>.
- ENDS Leak: Draft ecodesign law sets out plans for 'product passport'
 - The European Commission is set to propose requiring digital 'passports' for products sold in the EU as part of plans to improve their life-cycle environmental impact, a leaked draft shows.
 - Read the full article here.
- Circular Plastic Alliance Supporting greater uptake of recycled plastics in Europe
 - The European Commission published a <u>report</u> about the assessment of the legal, economic and technical requirements and solutions.

- European Parliament Safe and sustainable-by-design
 - The European Parliament had planned an online event on the 24 March 2022, 10.00 CET about sustainable-by-design as a key tool to boost innovation and growth. Register <u>here</u>.
- International lead association (ILA) Status update on the lead metal environmental classification
 - The ILA had planned to have a call on 25.02. However, as there do not have all the pieces of the puzzle at hand yet, the ILA propose to postpone it to 7 March 2022, 14.30 CET.
 You can join the meeting <u>here</u>.

FEAD website - Reminder

- Go to your Member Area (<u>https://fead.be/index.php</u> > "Members Only")
- Enter your login and password (Please ask your login and password to <u>info@fead.be</u> if you forgot it)
- Go to "Active Files" and here you have access to all files followed by FEAD Secretariat. We keep it updated!
- Frequency of FEAD Bulletin: The bulletin will be sent maximum once per week, but without a minimum if it not necessary. If there is a slow week with no new relevant information, then we deem that it is not necessary to send it.

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