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### European institutions activities

#### Publications Office of the European Union

##### **Consolidated version of the Waste Framework Directive / Luxemburg, July 2015**

The consolidated version of the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) has been published by the Publications Office of the EU, including the modifications to Annex III introduced by the Commission Regulation [1357/2014](#). The [consolidated version](#) of the WFD can now be consulted in the EUR-Lex data base.

#### European Commission

##### **Third Country Facilities & EU List of Ship Recycling Facilities / Brussels, July 2015**

The European Commission may soon present a measure defining the information and documentation requirements which will be applicable for ship recycling facilities located outside the EU in order to be included in the “EU List of ship recycling facilities”, according to the Ship Recycling Regulation [1257/2013](#). The draft act document may be individually requested [here](#).

- For more information on the procedure, please see the [dossier](#) in the Comitology Register

##### **Classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures / Brussels 25.07.2015**

The European Commission has amended the Regulation [1272/2008](#), on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP), by adopting the Commission Regulation (EU) [2015/1221](#). The purpose of this amendment is to adapt the CLP-Regulation, in particular its Annex VI to technical and scientific progress.

##### **Consultation on the Energy Market Design / Deadline: 08.10.2015**

The Directorate-General for Energy (DG Energy) of the European Commission has launched the public Consultation on the Energy Market Design, in order to gather stakeholders' views on the situation and review of the Internal Energy Market. The [Consultation](#) focuses mainly on the electricity market, including pricing and distribution mechanisms in the context of achieving an Energy Union, as well as competition related issues (e.g. different taxation and charges across EU Member States). The deadline for this Consultation has been set on the 08.10.2015.

##### **Consultation on the European statistical programme / Deadline: 15.10.2015**

EUROSTAT has launched a public Consultation on the extension of the European statistical programme 2013-17 to 2018-20, which is the legal framework for the development of statistics over this period, set up by the Regulation (EU) [99/2013](#), taking into account environmental and economic developments. Among other questions, the [Consultation](#) will be open to suggestions on methodological changes and preferred policy options for the extension of the programme. The deadline for this Consultation has been set on the 15.10.2015.



### **Revision of the EU Emissions Trading System after 2020 / Brussels, 15.07.2015**

The European Commission has submitted to the European Parliament and the Council of the EU a legislative Proposal to revise the EU emission trading system applicable after 2020. This proposal, [COM\(2015\) 337 final](#), increases the target of annual decline rate for emissions from a current 1,75% to a 2,2% and develops rules intended to avoid carbon emission “leakages” when production is transferred to third countries with lower targets. As indicated in the Proposal’s [webpage](#), stakeholders may provide feedback on the legislative proposals until 09.09.2015.

#### *July Infringement Package against Member States*

##### **Spain referred to Court of Justice over illegal landfills**

The European Commission has decided to refer Spain to the EU Court of Justice due to the persistent activity of 61 illegal landfills spread among several Regions, which should have been closed, sealed and ecologically restored according to EU waste legislation. Since March 2007, the Spanish authorities have received two consecutive reasoned opinions from the Commission, without having taken sufficient and adequate measures.

- For more information about this infringement, please refer to the Commission’s [press release](#)
- For more information about the infringement procedure, please refer to [MEMO/12/12](#)

#### European Parliament

##### **European Parliament Report on Circular Economy / Strasbourg, 09.07.2015**

The Plenary of the European Parliament (EP) has formally adopted the own-initiative report entitled “Resource efficiency: moving towards a circular economy”. Its [provisional edition](#) can be consulted in the EP-Website. Although the report is not a legally binding legislative text, it may influence the future Circular Economy Package (see EuRIC Newsletter, Issue n°1).

## **Events**

##### **19<sup>th</sup> Eco Innovation Forum, Business & Sustainable Materials / Seoul, 27-28 October**

The Directorate-General for Environment (DG ENVI) of the European Commission, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea and the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute will jointly organize the 19<sup>th</sup> Eco Innovation Forum on “Business opportunities in Eco-innovation: Materials and products for a sustainable future” in Seoul, Korea, on the 27-28.10.2015. The event will take place parallel to the ECO-EXPO KOREA 2015, inviting industry and business representatives to participate, as indicated in the DG ENVI [website](#).

**Note to readers:** In August, only one issue will be published due to the usually lower activity level of the European Institutions.

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