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**Subject:**

Flash report: [REDACTED]

**Attachments:**

Questions for DG Just.docx

Dear colleagues,

Please find below the flash report from yesterday's meeting between [REDACTED] and the Dutch Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM).

Kind regards,



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At the request [REDACTED] had a meeting on 04.05.2021, on the update of the current initiatives from the EC on sustainable consumption and production.

Main points (see also separate document with questions from ACM, received prior to the meeting)

**Introduction:** ACM informed JUST on the three priorities they are having at the moment.

1. Information on products sustainability (PEF, digital product passports, EU Ecolabel).
2. Products' life span (right to repair, software updates, premature obsolescence);
3. CO2 Compensation.

#### **Information about sustainability**

- JUST provided background/context on the legal initiatives, which were announced in the (revised) Commission working program, the CEAP and the New Consumer Agenda, with a focus on the area on sustainable consumption and production: **Empowering consumers on the green transitions, Green Claims initiative and Sustainable Products Initiative (SPI)**.
- JUST noted the **timeline** and **synergies** of these initiatives are being **further coordinated** to ensure the EC will present a coherent policy package later in 2021.
- JUST mentioned that Digital Product Passport (DPP) is part of the SPI and is currently under the stakeholders' consultations. **On the differences between PEF and DPP**, JUST noted that, whereas the PEF is a methodology to assess the impact of the products on the environment and the specific categories, the DPP is a tool to make information available. A potential link between the two is that the information from the DPP could be provided through the PEF assessment methodology.
- **On the EU ecolabel (an existing voluntary label)** – this is a label, promoted by the EU and several MS, proving environmental excellence of a product.

**Products' life span (including the right to repair, software updates, premature obsolescence, availability of spare products)**

- ACM is currently considering how to take forward this issue of premature obsolescence/durability/reparability. In previous years, this was not the number one priority.
- JUST welcomed ACM's intention **to become more proactive in fighting premature obsolescence/promoting durability**. JUST informed about the consumers behavioural study made and will share it with ACM.
- Several initiatives are ongoing from the consumers' organisation side (e.g. trop vite usé) that demonstrate the problems consumers facing in this area. JUST and ACM agreed that it is important to investigate further this kind of initiatives/projects to demonstrate in which significant markets and which specific product (category) consumers encounter problems.
- JUST explained shortly about the upcoming review of the Sale of Goods Directive (as of 2022; A2 in the lead), and how it could contribute to improving the right to repair in the legal guarantee period as well potentially a right to repair for a reasonable fee outside the legal guarantee period.

**CO2 Compensation**

- JUST is reaching out to CLIMA to identify a contact who can provide possibly more information on claims on CO2 compensation (outside ETS).