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To: (GROW)
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Subject: RE: Request for meeting - Circular Economy
Attachments: 2015-09-10_ETRMA Position Paper on Circular Economy_vF.pdf
Importance: High

Dear
Thank you for your mail. I do understand well, even if I regret that we are not given a face-to-face opportunity on such a long term targeted initiative.

A very important example of the contribution of the tyre industry to the circular economy is the management of used and end of life tyres. This improved considerably over the last 15 years. According to ETRMA data in 1996 nearly 50% of the used and end-of-life tyres were landfilled. **Currently 95% are used again in the economy.** They are used for energy recovery to replace petrol based fuel, recycled into steel and rubber for different applications, reused through retreading.

Meeting and going beyond the legal commitments –that is the long term strategy deployed by the European tyre manufacturers.

Industry has undertaken to do research and projects to find new materials for the production of tyres, including bio-isoprene, bio-butadiene, guayule, dandelion and others. ETRMA is participating in the EU Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials. These projects aim at reducing the dependency of the industry on fossil resources and on natural rubber that is produced outside of the EU and also should reduce the carbon footprint of the production of tyres. The result of all these measures is that industry can show it has already internalized many of the objectives of circular economy.

However, relying on the right framework and effective enforcement are crucial to secure fair level playing field.

Please see attached our contribution to the Circular Economy package; ETRMA has also contributed to the written consultations (waste and non-waste).

Hope we will be able to discuss any of the issues with yourself and your colleagues.

I remain available to your questions.

Best regards

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Dear

Thank you for your message. I do remember very well the good cooperation and interesting exchanges I had with ETRMA during my time in the REACH unit.

Unfortunately, this time I would rather prefer to decline your kind request.

In fact, as you certainly know, we are at the moment very busy with the finalisation of the Circular Economy package which is currently foreseen for adoption on 2nd December. However, I am still very interested to receive any document or position paper you may consider appropriate to feed our work on the circular economy.

I hope you can understand.

Kind regards,

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Dear

As you may remember from previous communications, ETRMA is active on many environmental domains, and is very committed to promoting circular economy agenda.

Our Industry has been promoting the producer responsibility principle for the collection and recycling of tyres throughout the world –taking the best practices developed in the EU; or several of our tyre corporate members have been in the forefront of promoting new business models to increase retreading as the first step to increase the lifespan of truck tyres and positively contribute to a sustainable transport mode. These are just a few examples.

I would be delighted to meet with you to discuss the challenges ahead, in the framework of the revision of the circular economy package and share our views from a responsible industry perspective.

Can we have a meeting mid-October? I would very much appreciate a response at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance for considering my request.
Best regards

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