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Meeting (call) request regarding SUP implementation, expert group and Portuguese legislation

Dear [REDACTED]

Following your colleague [REDACTED] advice, I am writing you on behalf of Seda Ibérica, which belongs to the international group *Seda International Packaging Group*.

Seda Ibérica has a factory in Portugal, with more than 250 workers, which is dedicated to the production of packaging and cups with relevance to the sectors of the food and restaurant industry. These products are made of cardboard.

The publication of the Directive 2019/904, of 5 June 2019 ("the SUP Directive"), was welcomed by Seda Ibérica but it also raised some concerns. Furthermore, **Portugal initiated the transposition of the Directive with legislation that risked the fragmentation of the internal market** (publication of Law 76/2019, of 2 September) and, for that reason, we initiated contacts with the European Commission and with the Portuguese authorities. In that sense, we have been diligently following developments regarding the Directive and the Portuguese law. In this framework a "waste expert group" has been formed, met and has a new meeting scheduled for April.

Knowing that, within the European Commission, the implementation of the *SUP Directive* is entrusted to the Waste Management Unit and bearing in mind the very high concern that the issue raises for Seda Ibérica, it would be extremely useful **if you could schedule a meeting (call)** so that, on the one hand, we can give you an update regarding development in Portugal and, **on the other hand, to understand what are the main issues at stake in the waste expert group, according to the Commission**. In this regard, we would particularly focus on the feedback received from stakeholders and also on what has been discussed about the definition of plastic and of what is considered to be single use plastic products.

Looking forward to hearing from you and for your availability,  
Thank you in advance

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