

Meeting date: 7 Dec 2018 DG ENV

Company: Plastics Europe, EUPC (plastics converters) and EUMEPS (European Manufactures of expanded polystyrene)

Purpose: To discuss issues related to the proposal for a "SUP" Directive

ENV participants: Dir. Kestutis Sadauskas (ENV B), HoU Hugo Schally (ENV B1), [REDACTED] (ENV B3) & [REDACTED] (ENV B1)

The representatives from the industry had sent a position paper in advance, mainly focussing on the following:

- market restrictions and the link with PPWD and WFD: asking for preserving the single market;
- EPS (expanded polystyrene): worried about the EP amendment to ban certain EPS items, and asking for the reasons;
- Definitions of SUP items

COM states that:

- market restriction indeed would be a problem and that it defended the single market;
- on EPS several MS are supporting the EP; and that this ban would only be for cups and certain food containers;
- definitions indeed need to offer legal clarity. The co-legislators are doing an effort to further explain food containers, mainly focussing on those that are littered most

Industry suggested to have the same clarity / information on crisps packets and sweet wrappers as on the food containers.

COM also asked for industry's position related to Norway's updated proposal on plastic in the Basel convention.

Position paper Attached

Conclusions:

Industry would come back on their position related to the Basel convention

COM to check if and how the clarity on packets and wrappers can be improved in the SUP proposal