



Technical Parts ISSUE

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EuPC participated in a meeting with the EU Commission DG ENTR regarding the REMIX project during a visit of the PEP in France on 4-5 November 2014

The objective of REMIX is to look for the potential of recycling mixed plastics waste in Europe. A pilot line for recycling of E&E waste is currently been set up at PEP in France (Lyon) and on 17th December 2014 a workshop will be organized with stakeholders to analyse the different technologies on the market. The French region Rhône-Alpes will then be hosting a major conference in April 2015 to present the findings and the outcome of this project. DG ENTR has the intention to use this project as a catalyst to develop more projects in plastics recycling in order to contribute to the objectives of the new Commission in terms of job creation and growth. **EuPC** will participate in these events.

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European and Japanese standardization organizations agree to strengthen their cooperation

Leaders from the European and Japanese standardization organizations have signed a joint Cooperation Agreement in Tokyo on 13 November 2014. The Cooperation Agreement between CEN, CENELEC and JISC provides a new framework for closer collaboration on various aspects of standardization, which will facilitate trade in goods and services between Europe and Japan. The three organizations – CEN (European Committee for Standardization), CENELEC (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization) and JISC (Japanese Industrial Standards Committee) – have committed themselves to increase their cooperation on issues of joint interest, in order to enable greater technical alignment of both markets. By strengthening their dialogue and promoting the harmonization of standards at international level, they will help to facilitate trade in goods and services between Europe and Japan, thereby contributing to sustainable growth. **EuPC** has several liaison status with CEN.

The Cooperation Agreement was signed by the Presidents of CEN and CENELEC, respectively Mr Friedrich Smaxwil and Mr Tore Trondvold, and by the President of JISC, Dr Tamotsu Nomakuchi, at a ceremony in Tokyo (Japan), where the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is holding its 78th General Meeting. More info: Geoffroy.Tillieux@eupc.org

The European Commission has eliminated the position of chief scientific adviser (CSA)

Anne Glover, the Scottish scientist who became the first CSA in 2012, informed colleagues earlier this week that her role as CSA expired at the end of October and will not be renewed. She will leave the Commission at the end of February.

The mandate of the CSA was “to provide independent expert advice on any aspect of science, technology and innovation as requested by the president”. Barroso announced shortly after starting his second term that he intended to create the post. The innovation was championed by the UK government where the chief scientific adviser is supposed to provide neutral, scientifically-sound advice particularly on emotive topics such as genetically-modified crops and nanotechnology.

A Commission spokesperson said different options for a framework for scientific advice are now being considered. “The mandate of the scientific adviser came automatically to an end with the end of the Barroso II Commission on 31 October,” she said. “President Juncker believes in independent scientific advice. He has not yet decided how to institutionalise this independent scientific advice. More info: Padraig.Nolan@eupc.org

New European Commission STARTED

On November 1st 2014, the new college of European Commissioners took office and began their term in the 2014-2019 college of Commissioners. This new college, under the presidency of Jean Claude Juncker, has already settled into a routine and has become heavily involved in two legislative proposals of the last European Commission, affecting the plastics industry, i) the plastics carrier bags proposal and ii) the circular economy proposal. Several media sources had been reporting that First Vice-President Timmermans had plans to withdraw the carrier bags proposal. However, the Commission officially decided not to withdraw the proposal during a meeting on November 15th 2014. It remains to be seen if the new Commission will make amendments or even withdraw the legislative proposal that accompanied the Circular economy proposal of July 2nd 2014 (waste targets review).

EuPC closely monitors these subjects. A decision is expected mid December. More info: Padraig.Nolan@eupc.org

Plastics Converters will be affected by the CLP deadline of 1 June 2015

Plastics Converters will be affected by the CLP deadline of 1 June 2015 when all Mixtures have to be classified according to the CLP rules: classifications may change and suppliers' Safety Data Sheets may be modified accordingly affecting Reach Compliance of Converters. The REACH Candidate List now counts 155 substances and a public consultation running for 10 more; the Authorization List Annex XIV counts 31 substances with 22 on public consultation.

For Azodicarbonamide **EuPC** set up a Consortium of ADCA Plastics Users. A Voluntary Commitment is proposed as an alternative to Authorisation and exposure measurements are ongoing. The Risk Assessment- and the Socio-Economic Assessment Committees of the EU Chemicals Agency (ECHA) have drawn a positive opinion on our Authorisation Application dossier for DEHP in recycled PVC which is now in the hand of the EU Commission. A favourable decision is expected early 2015. More info: Walter.Claes@eupc.org

New EuMBC President and Board elected



EuMBC, the European Masterbatchers and Compounders, a Sector Group of **EuPC**, elected their new President and Board at the last General Assembly on 7 November.

Philip Portael was elected President, Michela Conterno Vice-President for Communication and Marc Cornu Vice-President for Regulatory Affairs. Other Board members are Adrian Baker, Frank Roederer and Massimo Veronelli (Treasurer).

This board is a reflection of a large part of the different industries (MB and compounding) in the EU and its members clearly aim to represent the industry sector above their individual companies.

EuMBC is the European association of masterbatches and compounds manufacturers. **EuMBC** is building up upon the legacy of the former ETHIC association, and provides a very wide range of diversified benefits to their members, covering most critical issues for their business and licence to operate.

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Review of RoHS II Directive

The European Commission has previously stated that it will carry out a review of the scope of the RoHS II Directive (Directive 2011/65/EU) before 2021. The RoHS II Directive restricts the use of cadmium, hexavalent chromium, lead, polybrominated biphenyls and polybrominated diphenyl ethers in new electrical and electronic goods put on the EU market. The Commission's review of the RoHS II directive will take the form of a Report and will look at the general provisions of the legislation and their implementation by the Member States. The Report is not expected before 2020 and may be accompanied by a legislative proposal, should the review deem it necessary to amend the RoHS II Directive. More info: Padraig.nolan@eupc.org

WEEE Working Group meeting of Plastics Recyclers Europe

On November 20th -21st 2014, Plastics Recyclers Europe (PRE) held its general assembly and working group meetings. During the WEEE Working Group meeting participants were presented with the latest developments on the classification of hazardous waste, together with an update on REACH. The WEEE Working Group develops contacts at EU level in order to examine and facilitate the development of this growing market (collection & statistics, production & technologies, qualities & applications). In this sector there is a great potential for plastics recycling. However, the treatment of this type of waste demands great expertise. For this reason, plastics recyclers with expertise in WEEE treatment and recycling machinery producers come together in order to discuss innovation in the sector and how to increase WEEE recycling in Europe. For those interested in learning more about the WEEE Working Group of PRE, please contact info@plasticsrecyclers.eu

2015 EuPC Calendar Events & Meetings

18-02-2015	Budget Committee	Brussels
10-03-2015	Packaging EXCOM	Worms (DE)
11-03-2015	Steering Committee	Worms (DE)
17-03-2015	B&C EXCOM	Brussels
17-03-2015	MEF meeting	Brussels
18-03-2015	PE/MEF meeting	Brussels
21-05-2015	Annual Meeting	Warsaw
21-05-2015	Steering Committee	Warsaw
22-05-2015	General Assembly	Warsaw
10-09-2015	B&C EXCOM	Brussels
15-09-2015	Packaging EXCOM	Brussels
16-09-2015	Steering Committee	Brussels
14-10-2015	MEF meeting	tbd
15-10-2015	PE/MEF meeting	tbd
17-11-2015	Packaging EXCOM	Brussels
18-11-2015	Steering Committee	Brussels