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1. YLEISTÄ

1.1 Viranomaiskokoukset (kesätaulla)

1.2 EuroCommerce InBrief –poimintoja

Better Regulation

We are continuing our advocacy on better regulation. In the past few weeks, we raised SME specific concerns at the meeting of the SME Envoy, highlighted cumulative burden at the launch of the study organised by Business Europe on Smart Regulatory approaches to social regulatory burdens, and shared our views on digital tools such as the European Business Wallet at the SME Connect One Person Company summit. We are calling for more simulation of compliance, better use of inter-service consultation, enforcement by design, and quality drafting. We will continue our advocacy on this topic, through our participation in the European Policy Centre project on the 'delivery gap'.

Next steps: We will prepare a response to the ongoing Survey on goldplating, which aims to gather input to develop a toolkit to support Member States minimising this. The survey runs until 15 September and we encourage members to also consider a contribution highlighting the significant impact on our sector.

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/goldplating-business-survey>

CPC Common Understanding addressing old stock published

Consumer protection authorities of the EU-27 and EEA countries have agreed on a [Common Understanding on the enforcement of the Empowering Consumers Directive](#) for products and packaging already placed on the market before 27 September 2026. The text takes a pragmatic approach, recognising the practical challenges businesses face and promoting proportionate enforcement to avoid unnecessary costs and environmental waste. The Commission has also shared the Common Understanding with relevant national ministries and private enforcement organisations.

In a [joint statement](#) signed by 18 EU business associations, we welcomed the enforcement principles and appreciated the swift action taken by the Commission and the Consumer Protection Cooperation (CPC) Network in developing this pragmatic approach.

The common understanding follows our [December joint statement](#) and several months of exchanges of DG JUST and the business coalition led by EuroCommerce, BusinessEurope and AIM. We thank our members for their strong support and engagement at national level, which were instrumental in achieving this outcome.

Next steps:

- We encourage members to use and share the [CPC Common Understanding](#) with national governments and enforcement authorities.
- We will discuss the CPC Common Understanding at the beginning of **today's IMCO Committee meeting** (Wednesday 8 July, 10:00 – 13:00, [join here](#)).
- We will organise a dedicated meeting with DG JUST or an enforcement authority to present the CPC CU and discuss with members.

EuroCommerce joins Commission Expert Group on AI Contracting

EuroCommerce has been selected to join by the European Commission's DG JUST new [Expert Group on AI Contracting](#). Ilya Bruggeman, Director Digital, Single Market and Consumer Policy, will represent the retail and wholesale sector in this group.

The group will support the Commission in developing **model contractual terms for AI** and practical guidance on the use of AI in contracting, helping to address legal and operational challenges while improving legal certainty for businesses.

This provides an important opportunity for EuroCommerce to ensure that the retail and wholesale perspective is reflected in the development of future AI contracting tools and guidance.

Next steps: The AI Working Group will support our contribution to this work and discuss developments at its next meeting on 16 July.

Stitching EU rules – The future of Textile Policy

As the EU accelerates its transition towards a circular economy, textile policy has emerged as a key priority to reduce environmental impacts, strengthen resource efficiency, and enhance the competitiveness of Europe's fashion and textile industries.

Join the Brussels Sustainability Club on 30 September for a constructive discussion on Europe's sustainable textiles agenda, bringing together representatives from the EU Institutions and industry leaders.

Supported by EuroCommerce, this roundtable will explore the latest policy developments, implementation challenges, and opportunities to accelerate the transition towards a competitive and truly circular textile value chain.

EU – China seek to ease trade tensions

The EU and China have taken a step towards stabilising their trade relationship by establishing a new Trade and Investment Consultation Mechanism following a meeting between EU Trade Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič and Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao in Brussels. It marks the first joint EU–China statement on trade since 2019.

The mechanism will provide a structured framework to address key trade issues, including trade and

investment imbalances, export controls, intellectual property rights and reform of the World Trade Organization (WTO). A first working group on trade imbalances will begin immediately and monitor trade flows using agreed data, allowing both sides to identify significant changes early and discuss possible responses before disputes escalate.

The talks also covered China's export controls on rare earths and permanent magnets, which are critical for European industries. Commissioner Šefčovič welcomed assurances that existing restrictions should not disrupt EU supply chains and called for further simplification of export licensing procedures for EU companies.

While the new mechanism does not resolve the structural trade tensions between the EU and China, it reflects a renewed commitment to dialogue. First results are expected ahead of Commissioner Šefčovič's planned visit to China in October.

Due Diligence: Commission publishes Forced Labour Regulation guidelines and opened consultation due diligence

The Commission progressed with the implementation process of the Forced Labour Regulation (FLR). They published the [Forced Labour Single Portal](#), a website that brings together guidelines and resources to support businesses in implementing the new rules starting 14 December 2027. This already features the recently published <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/circabc-ewpp/d/d/workspace/SpacesStore/3b159733-6cdf-4f9e-8b30-80580c0679d8/download>

Through our dialogue with the Commission services, we ensured that the guidelines clearly state that the FLR does not create due diligence obligations for companies. In parallel, the Commission is continuing with the preparation for the due diligence guidelines under the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive. A public consultation is ongoing until 24 July. Together with our RSCM Working Group, we are preparing our contribution. The Commission aims to finalise the guidelines in 2027. These will provide guidance on key elements such as prioritisation, risk factors and responsible disengagement.

New EU GARAN label takes effect 27 September!

Important for retailers: new obligations to inform consumers at the point of sale about legal and commercial guarantee are kicking in on 27 September 2026!

- ✅ A harmonised notice, displayed prominently in all shops selling goods, will remind consumers about their legal guarantee rights
- ✅ The new EU GARAN label, a harmonised way for producers to communicate about voluntary commercial guarantees of durability over two years.

➡ These new tools are fully harmonised across the EU inform customers of their rights.

Find out what retailers and wholesalers need to know 🖱 https://europa.eu/youreurope/business/selling-in-eu/consumer-contracts-guarantees/eu-legal-guarantee-notice-and-guarantee-label/index_en.htm

Packaging and packaging waste – EuroCommerce calls for a 12 months grace period

With the first provisions applying from 12 August, businesses are still waiting for practical answers on issues ranging from food packaging and PFAS restrictions to compliance documentation and reuse requirements.

As the discussion at the ENVI Council meeting on 25 June showed, more and more Member States are raising concerns.

That's why [EuroCommerce is calling for a pragmatic](#) 12-month grace period focused on guidance, problem-solving and legal certainty rather than immediate punitive action. We are urging EU institutions and Member States to work closely with businesses in the coming months to ensure that the PPWR delivers its intended environmental benefits without disrupting Europe's supply chains or placing disproportionate burdens on operators.

EuroCommerce sets up preparedness task force – call for experts

Following our Board discussions, we are launching a **Preparedness Task Force**. The purpose is to strengthen our sector's coordination and ensure our sector's perspective is reflected in upcoming EU discussions.

Preparedness is a cross-cutting policy area covering issues such as supply chain resilience, critical infrastructure, energy, cybersecurity, economic security and business continuity. Given the essential role retailers and wholesalers play in keeping goods flowing and supporting citizens in times of crisis, it is important that our sector's views are understood in EU and national plans.

The Task Force will provide a dedicated forum for members to exchange information on EU and national preparedness initiatives and emerging policy developments, identify common challenges and gaps affecting the retail and wholesale sector, and coordinate advocacy priorities and key messages.

Advocacy on the European Product Act

Ahead of the European Product Act (EPA) expected in September, we are working on a joint industry initiative with Toy Industries Europe, APPLiA, Orgalim, CEPE, EUHA, and E-commerce Europe and Independent Retail. We expect additional organisations to support us later.

We are calling on the Commission to refrain from imposing obligations to store backup copies and overexpand what the Digital Product Passport (DPP) offers in terms of market surveillance, customs controls and responsible person identification, by turning it into a repository for extensive compliance information

such as technical files and full technical documentation. This poses risks on confidentiality, cybersecurity, and liability without necessarily improving compliance. Also, storage is costly and redundant, as relevant information is already maintained in companies' internal systems and access to data is already required by existing insolvency rules.

Next steps: We will send the joint industry message to DG GROW and continue engagement with stakeholders and the Commission ahead of the publication of the European Product Act in September.

Critical Chemicals Alliance: Downstream sectors challenge market pull recommendations

The final recommendations of Working Group 4 (WG4) of the Critical Chemicals Alliance on market pull measures for the decarbonisation of the chemicals industry were circulated in the group. Despite our objections and those of other downstream stakeholders, recommendations such as minimum content requirements, EPR schemes, certificate or levy-based mechanisms, and product carbon footprint (PCF) targets remain in the report with some nuances. These measures could have significant implications for downstream sectors, including retail and wholesale, by potentially creating new compliance obligations and costs for products placed on the EU market including food, textiles, plastics, polymers, detergents, electronics and cosmetics.

In response, we intensified our engagement both with other downstream associations and the European Commission. Joint discussions with Cosmetics Europe, Detergents Europe, APPLiA, SMEUnited, CEPE, DUCC and FEICA revealed widespread concerns regarding both the substance of the recommendations and the governance of the Alliance, including transparency issues, delays in stakeholder representation and unclear procedures. A common position is emerging that the report incorrectly presents the proposed measures as consensus recommendations despite fundamental disagreements from downstream users.

Next steps: We and other associations are seeking to have the report reconsidered or, at a minimum, amended to clearly reflect dissenting views. We have raised these concerns directly with DG GROW and plan further engagement with the Commission after the summer.

DDP for apparel textiles - EuroCommerce feedback

The JRC is working on a preparatory study on ecodesign rules and we contributed to the consultation on the Digital Product Passport (DPP) rules for apparel textiles.

Our biggest concern is the shift from the DPP being a product information tool to a more expansive documentation repository. We consider it disproportionate to include technical evidence, supporting documentation and calculation parameters as a default and see it could lead to divergence from established EU product frameworks. We are calling for a targeted and proportionate DPP tool, aligned with existing legislation, which also is interoperable and allows the use of existing industry systems.

Next steps: We expect the initial results of the consultation after the summer and we, via our STAR group, will continue work on this file.

Ecodesign rules for furniture - EuroCommerce feedback

We contributed to the first consultation on ecodesign requirements for furniture under the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR). The ESPR establishes a framework for setting ecodesign requirements aimed at improving product sustainability. We call for a focus on areas where the ESPR can deliver the greatest environmental impact, while keeping compliance costs as low as possible. We also point out that while circular design principles could be applied across all furniture, their relevance and implementation vary depending on the specific product. Overall, we argue, any ecodesign rules must consider known trade-offs and be supported by thorough impact assessments.

Next Steps: A stakeholder meeting presenting the initial results of the consultation is planned on 6 October. We, via our ESPR Furniture WG, will continue work on this file.

2. REACH, CLP JA MUU KEMIKAALILAINSÄÄDÄNTÖ

2.1 ECHA

Harmonisoidut luokitusehdotukset: Joillekin aineille on määrättävä yhdenmukainen ja pakollinen luokitus EU:ssa. Tällaisia ovat mm. syöpää aiheuttavat, perimää vaurioittavat, lisääntymiselle vaaralliset tai hengitysteitä herkistävät aineet, tai jos aine on biosidi- tai kasvinsuojeluaineen tehoaine. Ehdotuksen voivat tehdä jäsenvaltio, valmistajat, maahantuojat tai jatkokäyttäjät. Käsittelyyn kuuluu 45 päivän mittainen julkinen kuuleminen, jolloin kuka tahansa voi toimittaa ehdotuksen kannalta relevanttia tietoa. Saatuaan ECHAN riskinarviointikomitean lausunnon komissio päättää kyseisen aineen ehdotetusta luokituksesta ja merkinnöistä. Uudesta luokituksesta tulee juridisesti sitova sen jälkeen, kun se on liitetty CLP-asetuksen liitteeseen liitteeseen VI. Käytännössä n. 2-4 vuoden kuluttua kuulemisesta uusi luokitus on oltava pakkausmerkinnöissä. Harmonisointi koskee biosidi- ja kasvinsuojeltehoaineiden kaikkia vaaraluokkia.

Harmonisoidut luokitusehdotukset

Name	EC Number	CAS Number	Hazard classes open for commenting	Start of consultation	Deadline for commenting
(RS)-3-allyl-2-methyl-4-oxocyclopent-2-en-1-yl-(1R,3RS)-2,2-dimethyl-3-(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)cyclopropanecarboxylate; d-allethrin	-	231937-89-6	Acute toxicity – inhalation Acute toxicity - dermal Acute toxicity – oral Skin corrosion/irritation Serious eye damage/eye irritation Skin sensitisation Carcinogenicity Reproductive toxicity Specific target organ toxicity — single exposure Specific target organ toxicity — repeated exposure Aspiration hazard Hazardous to the aquatic environment	24/08/2026	23/10/2026
N,N'-(methylenedi-p-phenylene)bis(aziridine-1-carboxamide); N,N'-[methylenedi(4,1-phenylene)]di(aziridine-1-carboxamide)	231-034-6	7417-99-4	Acute toxicity - dermal Acute toxicity - oral Skin sensitisation Germ cell mutagenicity Carcinogenicity Reproductive toxicity Specific target organ toxicity — repeated exposure	24/08/2026	23/10/2026
4-dimethylaminoazobenzene	200-455-7	60-11-7	Germ cell mutagenicity Carcinogenicity	17/08/2026	16/10/2026
m-(2,3-epoxypropoxy)-N,N-bis(2,3-epoxypropyl)aniline	275-662-9	71604-74-5	Skin sensitisation Germ cell mutagenicity	17/08/2026	16/10/2026
p-(2,3-epoxypropoxy)-N,N-bis(2,3-epoxypropyl)aniline	225-716-2	5026-74-4	Skin sensitisation Germ cell mutagenicity	17/08/2026	16/10/2026

Kohdennettu kuuleminen

Name	EC Number	CAS Number	Hazard class(es) and/or any other scientific information open for commenting	Start of targeted consultation	Deadline for commenting for targeted consultation
Mono- and di-ortho-phthalate esters with at least one of the following: a linear or branched alkyl moiety with a C4-C6 backbone* with possible substitution by methyl and/or ethyl groups; a benzyl moiety with methylene possibly substituted by methyl and/or ethyl groups; a cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl moiety with possible substitution by methyl and/or ethyl groups. [*The backbone is defined as the longest linear carbon chain from the ester function]	-	-	Entry name	24/08/2026	04/09/2026

Lupahakemukset: Luvanvaraiset aineet on listattu REACH-asetuksen liitteessä XIV. Valmistajat, maahantuojat tai jatkokäyttäjät voivat hakea luvanvaraisten aineiden luettelossa olevan aineen markkinoille saattamista tai käyttöä koskevaa lupaa. Lupa myönnetään, jos käytöstä aiheutuvat riskit ovat hallinnassa tai, jos aineen käytön sosioekonomiset hyödyt ovat riskejä suuremmat eikä sopivia vaihtoehtoisia aineita tai teknologioita ole. Lupahakemuksen käsittelyyn kuuluu julkine kuulemisvaihe, jolloin kuka tahansa voi toimittaa tietoja mahdollisista vaihtoehtoisista aineista tai teknologioista. Kemikaaliviraston komiteoiden

lausunnot saatuaan komissio päättää, myönnetäänkö lupa ja millaisin ehdoin. Luvan haltijoiden on noudatettava päätöksen vaatimuksia ja sisällytettävä lupanumero kemikaalin pakkausmerkintöihin ennen markkinoille saattamista. Jatkokäyttäjien on myös noudatettava päätöstä ja ilmoitettava kemikaalivirastolle aineen käytöstä kolmen kuukauden kuluessa aineen ensimmäisestä toimituksesta. Luvanvaraisia aineita ei voi tietyn päivämäärän jälkeen saattaa markkinoille tai käyttää, ellei niiden tiettyyn käyttöön ole myönnetty lupaa tai ellei käyttöä ole vapautettu lupamenettelystä.

Lupahakemukset

ID	Application type	Name	EC Number	CAS Number	Deadline for consultation	Applicant(s)	Use name
428-01	Review report	Trichloroethylene	201-167-4	79-01-6	07/10/2026	Parker Hannifin Manufacturing Netherlands (Filtration and Separation) B.V.	Use of trichloroethylene (TCE) as a process solvent in the production of hollow fibre gas separation membranes for air separation modules
429-01	Review report	4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenol, ethoxylated	-	-	07/10/2026	Becton Dickinson Distribution Center NV	Use of 4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenol, ethoxylated (4-tert-OPnEO)) as a processing aid in imported Diagnostics

Ehdotukset luvanvaraisten aineiden listalle liittämiseksi tai listalla olevan aineen tietojen päivittämiseksi (REACH liite XIV)

Tällä hetkellä ei ole kuulemisia menossa.

Kemikaalirajoitukset: Jäsenvaltio tai ECHA voi aloittaa rajoitusmenettelyn, jos on aihetta epäillä, että jonkun aineen aiheuttamat riskit sitä edellyttävät. Rajoitusedotuksen käsittelyyn kuuluu julkinen kuuleminen. Saatuaan lausunnot ECHAN riskinarviointi- ja sosioekonomiselta komiteoilta komissio toimittaa luonnoksen muutoksista rajoituksia koskevaan luetteloon REACHin liitteessä XVII. Lopullinen päätös tehdään komiteamenettelyssä jäsenvaltioiden ja Euroopan parlamentin valvonnassa.

Rajoitusehdotukset:

Tällä hetkellä ei ole kuulemisia menossa.

Pyynnöt kommentoida ja esittää todisteita (rajoitusehdotusten valmistelu)

Tällä hetkellä ei ole kuulemisia menossa.

Erityistä huolta aiheuttavien aineiden (SVHC) tunnistaminen ja lupa-aineiden luetteloon

ehdottaminen ovat ns. lupaprosessin ensimmäisiä vaiheita. Jäsenvaltio tai ECHA voi ehdottaa tietyn aineen tunnistamista SVHC-aineeksi. Ehdotuksen käsittelyyn kuuluu julkien kuuleminen, jossa voi esittää huomautuksia tai toimittaa lisätietoja liittyen esim. aineen ominaisuuksiin, käyttöihin ja riskeihin tai vaihtoehtoisin aineisiin. Jos aine lopulta tunnistetaan SVHC-aineeksi, se lisätään niin sanottuun kandidaattiluetteloon, joka on luettelo aineista, jotka mahdollisesti sisällytetään luvanvaraisten aineiden luetteloon (REACHin liite XIV).

Aineen sisällyttäminen kandidaattiluetteloon luo tietyissä tapauksissa oikeudellisia velvoitteita yrityksille (KTT, kemikaali-ilmoitus, kuluttajan oikeus saada tieto, ilmoitus ECHAlle).

Seuraavana vaiheena ECHA priorisoi kandidaattiluettelossa olevia aineita lupa-aineiden listalle lisäämiseksi.

Erityistä huolta aiheuttavien aineiden (SVHC) tunnistaminen

Tällä hetkellä ei ole kuulemisia menossa.

Biosidikuuleminen (mahdollinen hyväksymättä jättämisen kriteereistä poikkeaminen)

Tällä hetkellä ei ole kuulemisia menossa.

Biosidikuuleminen (mahdolliset korvattavat aineet ja poikkeukset)

Scope	Substance name	EC Number	CAS Number	Product type	Consultation start date	Consultation end date
CfS	(benzothiazol-2-ylthio)methyl thiocyanate (TCMTB)	244-445-0	21564-17-0	09, 12	06/08/2026	05/10/2026
CfS	1,2-benzisothiazol-3(2H)-one (BIT)	220-120-9	2634-33-5	11 12	09/07/2026	07/09/2026
CfS	[1a(S*),3a]-(a)-cyano-(3-phenoxyphenyl)methyl-3-(2,2-dichlor-oethenyl)-2,2-dichlorovinyl)-2,2-dimethyl-cyclopropanecarboxylate aCypermethrin)	614-054-3	67375-30-8	18	06/08/2026	05/10/2026

Työperäiset raja-arvot (OEL):

Commenting of an OEL proposal

Name	EC Number	CAS Number	Deadline of consultation on OEL report	Consultation subject
Toluene	203-625-9	108-88-3	03/10/2026	ECHA scientific report

Call for evidence: Tällä hetkellä ei ole kuulemisia menossa.

POP-asetus:

Tällä hetkellä ei ole kuulemisia menossa.

Muut kuulemiset: Tällä hetkellä ei ole kuulemisia menossa.

Aimmat kuulemiset, joiden konsultointi- tai kuulemisaika on loppunut, löytyvät nyt ECHA:n sivuilta täältä:

<https://echa.europa.eu/fi/public-consultations>

Aierekisterin (Registry of Intentions)

Aierekisterin rakenne on uudistettu. Kussakin prosessissa (harmonisoitu luokitusehdotus, rajoitus, ja SVHC-tunnistus) aomeet on listattu yhteen tauluikkoon, josta voi seurata aineiden käsittelyn etenemistä sorttaamalla "staus" -saraketta. Rekisteri löytyy Tietoa kemikaaleista -osiosta

<https://echa.europa.eu/fi/registry-of-intentions>

ECHAN **PACT-työkalun** (public activities coordination tool), jolla välitetään ennakkotietoa, kun viranomainen harkitsee jollekin aineelle riskinvähennystoimia löytyy täältä: <https://echa.europa.eu/fi/pact>

Ns. RMOA:n (risk management option analysis) lopputulema päivitetään taulukkoon.

ECHAN lehdistötiedotteista ja uutiskirjeestä poimittua:**ECHA begins work to reduce hazardous substances in vehicles**

ECHA will support the European Commission in implementing the chemical safety aspects of the new End-of-Life Vehicles Regulation. The Agency will identify substances of concern in vehicles, prepare restriction proposals for hazardous substances when requested, and assess exemptions to existing prohibitions.

ECHA has started preparing for its new tasks under the End-of-Life Vehicles Regulation, which entered into force on 13 August 2026 and sets circularity requirements for vehicle design and management of end-of-life vehicles. The Regulation restricts the use of certain hazardous substances in new vehicles, their parts and components, except where exemptions apply.

The new rules aim to make vehicles easier to re-use, recycle and recover, while reducing pollution and protecting people and the environment.

Peter van der Zandt, ECHA's Director for Risk Assessment and Management said: "ECHA's scientific expertise on chemicals will support the objective of building a more circular automotive sector. We look forward to working with the European Commission and our partners in this new role."

Future role

ECHA will help the Commission identify the presence of substances of concern in vehicles and how they may affect re-use, recycling, human health or the environment. The Commission's report is expected by 14 February 2028.

The Commission may ask ECHA to prepare restriction proposals for additional hazardous substances, while Member States can submit their own proposals. These will follow the REACH restriction procedure, with ECHA's scientific committees providing their opinions.

The Commission can also ask ECHA to assess alternatives to existing exemptions of substance restrictions and propose whether exemptions should be introduced, changed or deleted.

Background

Every year, millions of vehicles in Europe reach the end of their life. Recovering the valuable materials, they contain is important for protecting the environment, strengthening Europe's resource resilience and supporting a more circular economy.

The End-of-Life Vehicles Regulation replaces the current End-of-Life Vehicles Directive. However, the current directive remains largely applicable until the new Regulation applies from 1 September 2028. The European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment oversees its implementation.

2.2 ELINTARVIKELAINSÄÄDÄNTÖ

Food Packing Forum:in uutisaiheita:

EU BPA ban reaches main transition deadline

Most food contact articles manufactured using bisphenol A (BPA) can no longer be introduced to the EU market; further deadlines remain for selected packaging and professional equipment.

JRC model maps packaging materials used across Europe

European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) publishes updated model estimating packaging placed on the market across 19 EU countries; finds plastic packaging volumes increased by about 11% between 2011 and 2025; identifies substantial differences in packaging material use and potential material shifts across product categories and countries.

Indonesia updates FCM regulation but still allows certain chemicals of concern

Indonesia's food and drug authority (BPOM) adopts new regulation on food contact materials (FCMs); establishes migration requirements for different packaging materials; introduces extensive positive and negative lists for food contact chemicals; positive list includes problematic chemicals like bisphenol A (BPA); explicit provisions for reusable and recycled food packaging; creates pathway for approval of new food contact chemicals and materials.

ECHA committee recommends stricter hazard classification of forever chemical TFA

European Chemicals Agency's (ECHA) Committee for Risk Assessment adopts opinion on trifluoroacetic acid (TFA); recommends classifying TFA as persistent, mobile and toxic (PMT), very persistent and very mobile (vPvM), and toxic to reproduction; TFA is a degradation product of other PFAS, including some used in food contact materials.

US study reports modest increase in plastic recovered for recycling in 2024

US study estimates at least 5.1 billion pounds (2.3 million metric tons) of post-consumer plastic recovered for recycling in 2024; overall increase compared with 2022; growth largely driven by plastic film; plastic bottle recovery declined.

Occupational MNP exposure may negatively impact human respiratory health, study shows

Using epidemiological data of 136,982 adults, scientists examine association between occupational airborne micro- and nanoplastic (MNP) exposure and respiratory health outcomes; find occupational exposure to be associated with reduced lung function and increased odds of respiratory symptoms.

Beyond silos: An integrated sustainability hierarchy framework

Sustainability commitments are currently pursued through fragmented, sector-specific solutions that primarily focus on downstream measures such as waste management. Scientists introduce a theoretically grounded cross-domain sustainability framework to support consistent sustainability decision-making and demonstrate its value through the Global Plastics Treaty negotiations.

PFAS remediation across Europe: costs and limited impacts

A group of scientists and journalists call for stricter controls on the use and sources of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in light of their substantial remediation costs. They estimate that addressing emerging PFAS contamination across the 27 EU countries would cost approximately €100 billion

annually to reduce associated health impacts, yet these efforts may still be insufficient because they address only a small fraction of current PFAS emissions.

Aligning Horizon Scanning Approaches with Differing Needs and Topics at the Science–Policy Interface on Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution

Horizon-scanning approaches help identify emerging issues that may otherwise go unnoticed, especially those relevant to low-income countries and vulnerable communities. In an Environmental Science & Technology Perspective article, members of the newly established Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution (ISP-CWP) propose a framework for conducting inclusive and transparent horizon-scanning exercises. The framework guides decisions on which topics to prioritize, whom to involve, and how to collect and analyze information.

2.3 BIOSIDIT, KASVINSUOJELUAINHEET JA LANNOITTEET -

2.4 PESUAINHEET JA KOSMETIIKKA -

2.5 KANSALLINEN LAINSÄÄDÄNTÖ JA VALVONTA

Tukes ja kemikaalineuvonta informoi:

Tukes teetti ekosuunnittelutestauksia vesipumpuille: ei puutteita

Turvallisuus- ja kemikaalivirasto (Tukes) on tutkinut markkinavalvonnassaan vesipumppujen vaatimustenmukaisuutta. Testauslaboratorioon lähetettiin 5 kpl erilaisia vesipumppuja, joiden vaatimustenmukaisuutta selvitettiin testauksen avulla. Testatut vesipumput olivat puhtaan veden pumppaamiseen käytettäviä keskipakovesipumppuja. Testauksen perusteella ei havaittu virheitä tai puutteita tuotteiden teknisessä vaatimustenmukaisuudessa. Kaikki testatut pumput täyttivät hyötysuhdevaatimukset. Ekosuunnitteluvaatimukset koskevat sekä erillisiä vesipumppuja että tuotteisiin integroituja vesipumppuja. Soveltamisalueelle eivät kuulu syrjäytysvesipumput, kiertovesipumput, itsesyöttävät vesipumput eivätkä altaisiin, akvaarioihin tai suihkulähteisiin tarkoitetut vesipumput. Vaatimukset eivät myöskään koske sellaisia

vesipumppuja, jotka on erityisesti suunniteltu pumppaamaan alle -10 °C:n tai yli 120 °C:n lämpötilassa, mutta niille on kuitenkin asetettu tuotetietovaatimuksia.

Vesipumppujen merkittävimmäksi ympäristönäkökohdaksi niiden koko elinkaaren aikana katsotaan pumppujen käytönaikainen energiankulutus. Vesipumppujen ekosuunnitteluvaatimukset on esitetty komission asetuksessa (EU) N:o 547/2012. Vesipumppuja koskeva ekosuunnitteluasetus on parhaillaan uudelleentarkasteltavana.

3. KOULUTUKSET JA SEMINAARIT

Tukes tarjoaa toimivaltaansa kuuluvaan lainsäädäntöön liittyvää koulutusmateriaali yhä enenevässä määrin Tukes Kampuksella <https://kampus.tukes.fi/?lang=fi> .

ECHAN tulevia webinaareja:

SME webinar: Steps for notifying to poison centres

Online | 23/09/2026 | 11:00 - 13:00

2026 Drinking Water Directive Stakeholders' Workshop

Helsinki/Online | 21/10/2026 - 22/10/2026 | 10:00 - 17:00

4. LIITTEET

Lainsäädäntökatsaus EU:n ja Suomen osalta (EU:n Official Journal ja FINLEX ®)

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