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Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste to reduce the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags

Proposal for a directive
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Amendment 32

Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis, Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags contributes to the problem of marine ***litter that threatens marine*** eco-systems worldwide.

Amendment

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags contributes to the ***widespread*** problem of marine ***and land pollution and threatens*** eco-systems worldwide.

Or. en

Amendment 33

Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags contributes to the problem of marine litter that threatens marine eco-systems worldwide.

Amendment

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags contributes to the problem of marine litter that threatens marine eco-systems worldwide. ***The problem is worsened by the lack of biodegradability and compostability characteristics in the majority of plastic bags normally used today in all Member States.***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Åsa Westlund, Marita Ulvskog

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags contributes to the problem of marine litter that threatens marine eco-systems worldwide.

Amendment

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags ***is a serious environmental problem and*** contributes to the problem of marine litter that threatens marine eco-systems worldwide.

Or. sv

Amendment 35
Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags contributes to the problem of marine litter that threatens marine eco-systems worldwide.

Amendment

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags, ***owing to the inadequate management of such waste in certain Member States,*** contributes to the problem of marine litter that threatens marine eco-systems worldwide.

Or. es

Amendment 36
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags contributes to the problem of marine litter that threatens marine eco-systems worldwide.

Amendment

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags contributes to the problem of marine litter that threatens marine **and freshwater** eco-systems worldwide.

Or. en

Justification

The issue of marine litter does not only affect the marine ecosystems but also many freshwater ecosystems, such as rivers and lakes.

Amendment 37
Marusya Lyubcheva

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags **contributes to the problem of marine litter that threatens marine** eco-systems worldwide.

Amendment

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of **accumulation of waste, ineffective utilisation of capacity at waste disposal sites**, high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags **results in environmental pollution and aggravates the problems of litter in water bodies, threatening aquatic** eco-systems worldwide.

Or. bg

Amendment 38
Franco Bonanini

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags ***contributes to the problem of marine litter that threatens marine*** eco-systems worldwide.

Amendment

(2) Consumption of plastic carrier bags results in high levels of littering and an inefficient use of resources and is expected to increase if no action is taken. Littering of plastic carrier bags ***is detrimental to the environment and poses a serious threat to eco-systems worldwide, especially marine and other particularly fragile ecosystems, including conservation areas and national parks.***

Or. it

Amendment 39
Biljana Borzan

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Furthermore, the accumulation of plastic carrier bags in the environment has a clearly negative impact on certain branches of the economy, such as tourism.

Or. hr

Amendment 40
Andrés Perelló Rodríguez

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) To achieve a goal of reducing the use of plastic bags, it is particularly important to focus on measures to prevent and minimize the use thereof, encouraging producers opt for alternative and more sustainable materials at the product design stage.

Or. es

Amendment 41

Christa Klaß, Werner Langen, Horst Schnellhardt

Proposal for a directive

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) Plastic carrier bags ***with a thickness below 50 microns***, which represent the vast majority of the total number of plastic carrier bags consumed in the Union, are less frequently re-used than thicker plastic carrier bags and more prone to littering.

(3) ***Lightweight*** plastic carrier bags, which represent the vast majority of the total number of plastic carrier bags consumed in the Union, are less frequently re-used than thicker plastic carrier bags and more prone to littering.

Or. de

Amendment 42

Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis, Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) Plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns, which represent the vast majority of the total number of plastic carrier bags consumed in the Union, are less frequently re-used than thicker plastic

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carrier bags **and** more prone to littering.

carrier bags, more prone to littering **and, due to their light weight, are more likely to end up scattered through the environment, both on land and in the sea.**

Or. en

Amendment 43
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Proposal for a directive
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns, which represent the vast majority of the total number of plastic carrier bags consumed in the Union, are less frequently re-used than thicker plastic carrier bags and more prone to littering.

Amendment

(3) **Depending on the quality of** plastic carrier bags, **bags** with a thickness below 50 microns, which represent the vast majority of the total number of plastic carrier bags consumed in the Union, are less frequently re-used **in some Member States** than thicker plastic carrier bags and **therefore can be** more prone to littering.

Or. en

Amendment 44
Marusya Lyubcheva

Proposal for a directive
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns, which represent the vast majority of the total number of plastic carrier bags consumed in the Union, are less frequently re-used than thicker plastic carrier bags and more prone to **littering**.

Amendment

(3) Plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns, which represent the vast majority of the total number of plastic carrier bags consumed in the Union, are less frequently re-used than thicker plastic carrier bags and more prone to **end up in waste streams or as litter**.

Or. bg

Amendment 45
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Proposal for a directive
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Lightweight plastic carrier bags are single-use bags in the sense that they can usually only be used for one shopping trip, although they may be used again for some other purpose such as to contain or carry domestic waste.

Or. en

Amendment 46
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Despite being fully recyclable, current recycling rates remain low across the Union as there is no separate collection for plastic bags.

Or. en

Amendment 47
Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis, Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Bags that are biodegradable under industrial and ambient conditions have

the potential to lower the environmental burden for Member States committed to a reduction; the Joint Research Centre's technical proposals for end-of-waste criteria for biodegradable waste, the EU standard EN 13432 and the European Parliament resolution on a European strategy on plastic waste in the environment (2013/2113(INI), provide useful innovative policy initiatives for reducing the use and impact of lightweight plastic carrier bags.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines

Proposal for a directive
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Plastic bags less than 10 microns thick are routinely used to carry fresh or non-packaged food purchases for reasons of hygiene and food safety and because of the lack of alternatives. Before measures are taken to restrict their use, it must be realized that they are less harmful than packaging used for the same products. Purchasing fresh and non-packaged products helps prevent food wastage, since it enables consumers to purchase the exact amount required rather than a fixed prepackaged quantity, thereby making it easier to withdraw defective products without needing to discard entire prepackaged batches.

Or. es

Amendment 49
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive
Recital 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3b) One method of dealing with the problem of littering and low collection and recycling rates could be the introduction of a refund system for plastic carrier bags similar to those that already exist in several Member States for glass, plastic and metal containers.

Or. en

Amendment 50
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) Consumption levels of plastic carrier bags vary considerably across the Union due to differences in consumption habits, environmental awareness, as well as the effectiveness of policy measures taken by Member States. Some Member States have managed to reduce consumption levels of plastic carrier bags significantly, with the average consumption level in the seven best performing Member States amounting to only 20% of the EU average consumption.

(4) Consumption ***and recycling*** levels of plastic carrier bags vary considerably across the Union due to differences in consumption habits, environmental awareness, ***waste collection and recycling strategies*** as well as the effectiveness of policy measures taken by Member States. Some Member States have managed to reduce consumption levels of plastic carrier bags significantly, with the average consumption level in the seven best performing Member States amounting to only 20% of the EU average consumption.

Or. en

Amendment 51
Biljana Borzan

Proposal for a directive

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Consumption levels of plastic carrier bags vary considerably across the Union due to differences in consumption habits, environmental awareness, as well as the effectiveness of policy measures taken by Member States. Some Member States have managed to reduce consumption levels of plastic carrier bags significantly, with the average consumption level in the seven best performing Member States amounting to only 20% of the EU average consumption.

Amendment

(4) Consumption levels of plastic carrier bags vary considerably across the Union due to differences in consumption habits, environmental awareness, as well as the effectiveness of policy measures taken by Member States. Some Member States have managed to reduce consumption levels of plastic carrier bags significantly, with the average consumption level in the seven best performing Member States amounting to only 20% of the EU average consumption. ***Accordingly, the results achieved so far by individual Member States in reducing the consumption levels of plastic carrier bags should be taken into account when prescribing obligatory measures and objectives.***

Or. hr

Amendment 52

Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a directive

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Consumption levels of plastic carrier bags vary considerably across the Union due to differences in consumption habits, environmental awareness, ***as well as the*** effectiveness of policy measures taken by Member States. Some Member States have managed to reduce consumption levels of plastic carrier bags significantly, with the average consumption level in the seven best performing Member States amounting to only 20% of the EU average consumption.

Amendment

(4) Consumption levels of plastic carrier bags vary considerably across the Union due ***not only*** to differences in consumption habits ***and*** environmental awareness, ***but mainly to the degree of*** effectiveness of policy measures taken by Member States. Some Member States have managed to reduce consumption levels of plastic carrier bags significantly, with the average consumption level in the seven best performing Member States amounting to only 20% of the EU average consumption.

Amendment 53
Åsa Westlund, Marita Ulvskog

Proposal for a directive
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) Consumption levels of plastic carrier bags vary considerably across the Union due to differences in consumption habits, environmental awareness, as well as the effectiveness of policy measures taken by Member States. Some Member States have managed to reduce consumption levels of plastic carrier bags significantly, with the average consumption level in the seven best performing Member States amounting to only 20% of the EU average consumption.

Amendment

(4) Consumption levels of plastic carrier bags vary considerably across the Union due to differences in consumption habits, environmental awareness, as well as the effectiveness of policy measures taken by Member States. Some Member States have managed to reduce consumption levels of plastic carrier bags significantly, with the average consumption level in the seven best performing Member States amounting to only 20% of the EU average consumption. ***The EU should actively encourage efforts to increase the recycling rate of plastic bags in the Member States.***

Amendment 54
Christa Klaß, Werner Langen, Horst Schnellhardt

Proposal for a directive
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) The data available concerning the use of plastic carrier bags in the EU clearly show that consumption is low or has been reduced in those Member States where food retailers make plastic carrier bags available not free of charge, but instead against a small payment.

Amendment 55
Andrés Perelló Rodríguez

Proposal for a directive
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Furthermore, consumer information has been shown to play a decisive part in achieving any goals regarding reduced plastic bag consumption. It is therefore necessary for efforts to be made at institutional level to heighten awareness of the environmental impact of plastic bags and do away with the current perception of plastic as a harmless, cheap and intrinsically worthless commodity.

Amendment 56
Andrés Perelló Rodríguez

Proposal for a directive
Recital 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4b) In this connection, Member States should also be advised to place in conventional bags brief messages or warnings about the adverse environmental impact of non-degradable plastics disposal.

Amendment 57
Christa Klaß, Werner Langen, Horst Schnellhardt

Proposal for a directive
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags with a thickness below **50** microns in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels of plastic carrier bags in individual Member States, with higher levels requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of lightweight plastic carrier bags national authorities will provide data on their use under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

Amendment

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags with a thickness below **25** microns in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels of plastic carrier bags in individual Member States, with higher levels requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of lightweight plastic carrier bags national authorities will provide data on their use under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

Or. de

Justification

Limiting the thickness to 50 microns would lead to greater numbers of even thicker plastic carrier bags being manufactured, a waste of resources. This is environmentally and economically problematical. Limiting the thickness to 25 microns would be more effective.

Amendment 58
Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a directive
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels of plastic carrier bags in individual Member States, with higher levels requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of lightweight plastic carrier bags national authorities will provide data on their use under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

Amendment

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns **and with limited reusability**, in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels of plastic carrier bags in individual Member States, with higher levels requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of lightweight plastic carrier bags national authorities will provide data on their use under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

Or. en

Amendment 59
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Proposal for a directive
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags **with a thickness below 50 microns** in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing

Amendment

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of **single-use** plastic carrier bags in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives.

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Or. en

Amendment 60
Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption **of** plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels of plastic carrier bags in individual Member States, with higher levels requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of lightweight plastic carrier bags national authorities will provide data on their use under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

Amendment

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of **non-biodegradable, non-compostable** lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption **of non-biodegradable, non-compostable** plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives **and in line with the EU standard EN 13432**. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels **and characteristics** of plastic carrier bags in individual Member States, with higher levels **and environmentally damaging types** requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of **non-biodegradable and non-compostable** lightweight plastic carrier bags national authorities will provide data on their use

under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

Or. en

Amendment 61

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines

Proposal for a directive

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of **lightweight** plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags **with a thickness below 50 microns** in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels of plastic carrier bags in individual Member States, with higher levels requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of **lightweight** plastic carrier bags national authorities will provide data on their use under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

Amendment

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags **and encourage the reutilisation and recycling thereof** in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels of individual Member States, with higher levels requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of plastic carrier bags national authorities will provide data on their use under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

Or. es

Amendment 62

Marusya Lyubcheva

Proposal for a directive

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

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average consumption level of lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels of plastic carrier bags in individual Member States, with higher levels requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of lightweight plastic carrier bags national authorities will provide data on their use under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

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Or. bg

Amendment 63
Marina Yannakoudakis

Proposal for a directive
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives⁷. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels of plastic carrier bags

Amendment

(5) To promote similar reductions of the average consumption level of lightweight plastic carrier bags, Member States should take measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns in line with the overall objectives of the Union's waste policy and the Union's waste hierarchy as provided for in Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives⁷. Such reduction measures should take account of current consumption levels of plastic carrier bags

in individual Member States, with higher levels requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of lightweight plastic carrier bags national authorities **will** provide data on their use under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

in individual Member States, with higher levels requiring more ambitious efforts. To monitor progress in reducing the use of lightweight plastic carrier bags national authorities, **where practically feasible, are encouraged to** provide data on their use under article 17 of Directive 94/62/EC.

Or. en

Amendment 64
Marusya Lyubcheva

Proposal for a directive
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Member States, having consulted the interested parties, should introduce alternatives to replace plastic carrier bags with a thickness below 50 microns, taking into account the nature of the products for which they are used.

Or. bg

Amendment 65
Christa Klaß, Werner Langen, Horst Schnellhardt

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6) Measures to be taken by Member States may involve the use of economic instruments such as taxes and levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags, ***as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on***

(6) Measures to be taken by Member States may involve the use of economic instruments such as taxes and levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags.

Justification

Bans are not the way to reduce consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags. There are less drastic ways of achieving this objective, e.g. making shoppers pay for plastic carrier bags.

Amendment 66
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Measures to be taken by Member States may involve the use of economic instruments such as taxes and levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags, as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Amendment

(6) Measures to be taken by Member States may involve the use of economic instruments such as taxes and levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags ***and which are in line with the polluter pays principle***, as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Amendment 67
Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

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instruments such as taxes and levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of ***non-biodegradable and non-compostable*** plastic carrier bags, as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 68
Marusya Lyubcheva

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) ***Measures to be taken by*** Member States ***may involve*** the use of economic instruments such as taxes and levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags, as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Amendment

(6) Member States ***may take measures, in accordance with their national legislation and with the specific nature of the problems, including*** the use of economic instruments such as taxes and levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags, as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Or. bg

Amendment 69
Marina Yannakoudakis

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Measures ***to be taken by*** Member States

Amendment

(6) ***Non-legislative and non-binding EU***

may involve the use of *economic instruments such as taxes and levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags*, as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

measures *that can be recommended to Member States may involve the use of voluntary reduction schemes that encompass positive reward instruments should a shopper choose to reuse an existing lightweight plastic carrier bag, a reusable non-plastic "bag for life", or an ecological and biodegradable bag*; as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Or. en

Justification

Member States must be free to ultimately decide on how to deal with the environmental problem of plastic carrier bags in a realistic way that looks at what works for shoppers, the practicalities of people's lives, and the financial constraints they may be facing. Through the use of positive reward instruments, such as loyalty cards or cash off, instead of coercive sanctions, shoppers are far more likely to be willing to change their consumer behaviour in reducing the use of plastic carrier bags.

Amendment 70 **Corinne Lepage**

Proposal for a directive **Recital 6**

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Measures to be taken by Member States *may* involve the use of *economic instruments such as taxes and levies*, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags, as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Amendment

(6) Measures to be taken by Member States *should* involve the use of levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags. *Member States should ensure that retailers do not provide carrier bags, including biodegradable ones, and in particular plastic carrier bags other than very lightweight plastic carrier bags or alternatives to such very lightweight plastic carrier bags, free of charge at the point of sale of goods or products.*

Member States should also be able to use economic instruments such as taxes as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 71
Vladko Todorov Panayotov

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Measures to be taken by Member States may involve the use of economic instruments such as taxes and levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags, as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Amendment

(6) Measures to be taken by Member States may involve the use of economic instruments such as taxes and levies, which have proved particularly effective to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags, as well as marketing restrictions such as bans in derogation of Article 18 of Directive 94/62/EC, subject to the requirements laid down in Articles 34 to 36 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
Member States should take measures to prevent lightweight plastic carrier bags from ending up in landfills.

Or. en

Amendment 72
Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Education programmes aimed at consumers in general, as well as at

children in particular, should play a particular role in the reduction of the use of plastic bags. These education programmes should be implemented both by Member States and by producers and retailers at the point of sale of goods and products;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Julie Girling, Marina Yannakoudakis

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Bags used to wrap loose, unpacked products are necessary for preserving food hygiene and consumer safety and should therefore be exempt from the reduction objective of this Directive.

Or. en

Justification

Ensuring food hygiene and public health are of paramount importance. Bags used to wrap loose, unpacked products serve to preserve food hygiene and consumer safety and there are currently no alternatives which meet this same objective. Such bags should therefore be exempt from the reduction objective.

Amendment 74
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Very lightweight plastic carrier bags used to wrap dry, loose, unpackaged foods

(such as fruit, vegetables and confectionery) also fulfil an important food hygiene function. Nevertheless, these carrier bags contribute significantly to littering and should be reduced or replaced incrementally by carrier bags manufactured from sustainable and renewable materials.

Or. en

Amendment 75
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Bags used to wrap humid, loose, unpackaged foods such as raw meat, fish and dairy or unpackaged prepared foodstuffs are required for food hygiene and should therefore be exempt from the scope of this Directive.

Or. en

Justification

As there are currently no alternatives to the wrapping of loose, unpackaged foods such as raw meat, fish and dairy products or of unpackaged prepared foodstuffs, these should be exempt from the scope of this Directive.

Amendment 76
Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Very light plastic carrier bags used to

wrap loose or unpackaged wet foods, such as meat, fish or raw milk products, or any other type of bag used to contain unpackaged foods to be consumed immediately or soon after purchase, are essential for food hygiene purposes and should therefore not be taken into account when assessing whether the targets set in this Directive have been met.

Or. fr

Justification

No restrictions should be imposed on the use of certain types of bags which are essential for reasons of hygiene and consumer protection. Very lightweight bags made from plastic or other materials, such as paper, which are used to wrap certain kinds of foods generally bought for immediate consumption should thus not be taken into account when assessing whether the targets set in this directive have been met.

Amendment 77
Sophie Auconie

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Very lightweight plastic carrier bags used to wrap loose or unpackaged dry foods, such as fruits, vegetables or confectionery fulfil functions other than that of simply providing a means of carrying the goods in question. However, these bags can contribute significantly to the accumulation of litter. The use of these bags should therefore be reduced, or they should be gradually replaced by carrier bags made from recycled materials or biodegradable materials produced from renewable resources.

Or. fr

Justification

The rapporteur's Amendment 7 incorporating a new Recital 6b should make reference to recycled materials in general, not only recycled paper.

Amendment 78
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a directive
Recital 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6b) Very lightweight plastic carrier bags used to wrap dry, loose, unpackaged foods such as fruits, vegetables and confectionery fulfil functions that go beyond the mere carrying of such goods. However, such carrier bags can contribute to littering in a significant manner. They should therefore be reduced or replaced progressively by carrier bags that are compostable and made from at least 50% bio-based materials that are resourced in a sustainable manner, or by recycled paper.

Or. en

Justification

Member States should also look at possibilities to reduce the use of very lightweight plastic carrier bags used to wrap dry fruits, vegetables and confectionery. Alternatively, they could be replaced by carrier bags that are fully compostable and made from at least 50% bio-based materials that are resourced in a sustainable manner, or by recycled paper.

Amendment 79
Biljana Borzan

Proposal for a directive
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags should not lead to an overall increase in the generation of packaging.

Amendment

(7) Measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags should not lead to an overall increase in the generation of packaging ***that is as harmful or more harmful to the environment.***

Or. hr

Amendment 80
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a directive
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags should not lead to an overall increase in the generation of packaging.

Amendment

(7) Measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags should ***lead to a sustained reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags and should*** not lead to an overall increase in the generation of packaging.

Or. en

Amendment 81
Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags should not lead to an overall increase in the generation of packaging.

Amendment

(7) Measures to reduce the consumption of ***non-compostable, non-biodegradable lightweight*** plastic carrier bags should not lead to an overall increase in the generation of packaging.

Or. en

Amendment 82
Vladko Todorov Panayotov

Proposal for a directive
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags should not lead to an overall increase in the generation of packaging.

Amendment

(7) Measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags should not lead to an overall increase in the generation of packaging **and waste**.

Or. en

Amendment 83
Åsa Westlund, Marita Ulvskog

Proposal for a directive
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) The European Union should encourage a larger proportion of the plastic bags used in the Member States to be made from degradable and compostable material which has a less harmful impact on the environment than traditional plastic.

Or. sv

Amendment 84
Corinne Lepage

Proposal for a directive
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) The requirements of the present directive should also apply to biodegradable bags. They are a transitory

tool which should not be promoted as a long-term alternative to single-use plastic bags. The reduction of the overall bag consumption should remain the main target of this directive.

Or. en

Justification

Biodegradable bags require either petroleum products or crop starches to be produced and their decomposition has uncertain short-term effects on the environment, especially for marine animals.

Amendment 85

Åsa Westlund, Marita Ulvskog

Proposal for a directive

Recital 7 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7b) Harmful substances, particularly hormone-disrupting chemicals, in plastic bags, should be entirely banned to ensure a good level of protection for the environment and human health.

Or. sv

Amendment 86

Christa Klaß, Werner Langen, Horst Schnellhardt

Proposal for a directive

Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) In order not to impede the functioning of the internal market, the same conditions should apply throughout the EU in respect of the materials used. Differences in the way certain materials

*are dealt with in certain Member States
are detrimental to recycling and trade.*

Or. de

Amendment 87
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 1 a (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 3 – point -2a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(1a) In Article 3, a new point -2a is
inserted:***

***'-2a. "carrier bags" shall mean bags
which are supplied to consumers at the
point of sale of goods or products for the
purpose of carrying goods. Bags that are
necessary for food hygiene to wrap
humid, loose, unpackaged foods such as
raw meat, fish and dairy or unpackaged
prepared foodstuffs shall not be
considered carrier bags.'***

Or. en

Justification

Your rapporteur suggests extending the scope of this amending act to all carrier bags. As such a general definition of carrier bags should be introduced. However, it should be clarified that bags which are necessary for food hygiene both for unpackaged humid food or for prepared foodstuffs are excluded from this definition.

Amendment 88
Françoise Grossetête

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 1a (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 3 – point -2a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) The following point 2a is inserted in Article 3:

'-2a. 'Carrier bags' means bags supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products, with the exception of any bag required for reasons of hygiene which is used to contain unpackaged foods or drinks to be consumed immediately or very soon after purchase.'

Or. fr

Justification

No restrictions should be imposed on the use of certain types of bags which are essential for reasons of hygiene and consumer protection. Very lightweight bags made from plastic or other materials, such as paper, which are used to wrap certain kinds of foods generally bought for immediate consumption, should thus not be taken into account when assessing whether the targets set in this directive have been met.

Amendment 89

Christa Klaß, Julie Girling

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 1 a (new)

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 3 – point -2a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) In Article 3, a new point -2a is inserted:

'-2 a. "carrier bags" shall mean bags which are supplied to consumers at the check-out to facilitate carriage of goods and products, with the exception of bags necessary for hygiene purposes intended to contain unpackaged foodstuffs or food and beverages that are intended to be consumed immediately after or very shortly after purchase.'

Justification

While the scope of the Directive should be extended to cover all types of bags used to carry goods away from the point of sale, there are certain situations where bags are required for purposes of food hygiene, consumer safety (and by implication of public health) and consumer convenience. In these situations, reusable bags, for example, would be out of the question on account of hygiene concerns.

Amendment 90
Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 1

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 3 – point 2 a

Text proposed by the Commission

"lightweight plastic carrier bags" shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* with a wall thickness below **50** microns and which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Amendment

"lightweight plastic carrier bags" shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* with a wall thickness below **20** microns and which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Or. it

Amendment 91
Christa Klaß, Werner Langen, Horst Schnellhardt

Proposal for a directive

Article – point 1

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 3 – point 2 a

Text proposed by the Commission

"lightweight plastic carrier bags" shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* with a wall thickness below **50** microns and which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Amendment

"lightweight plastic carrier bags" shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* with a wall thickness below **25** microns and which are supplied to consumers at the ***till in the*** point of sale of goods or products.

Or. de

Justification

Limiting the thickness to 50 microns would lead to a greater number of even thicker plastic carrier bags being manufactured, a waste of resources. This is environmentally and economically problematical. Limiting the thickness to 25 microns would be more effective.

Amendment 92

Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 1

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 3 – point 2a

Text proposed by the Commission

'lightweight plastic carrier bags' shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* with a wall thickness below 50 microns and which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Amendment

'lightweight plastic carrier bags' shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* with a wall thickness below 50 microns ***and a reusability rate lower than 125 times***, and which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Or. en

Amendment 93

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 1

Directive 96/62/EC

Article 3 – point 2 a

Text proposed by the Commission

'**lightweight** plastic carrier bags' shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* **with a wall thickness below 50 microns** and **which are** supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Amendment

'plastic carrier bags' shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* and supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Or. es

Amendment 94

Elisabetta Gardini, Paolo Bartolozzi, Oreste Rossi

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 1

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 3 – point 2a

Text proposed by the Commission

'lightweight plastic carrier bags' shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* with a wall thickness **below** 50 microns and which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Amendment

"lightweight plastic carrier bags" shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011, with a **lower threshold** wall thickness **of at least** 50 microns and which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Or. en

Justification

This Amendment establishes a minimum thickness threshold for Member States at the EU level. Member States remain free, however, to define as light weight bags, those with a thickness greater than 50 um, according to their respective internal demands. This would be the best way to avoid penalizing the Member States which have already adopted effective measures on this matter, allowing the remaining Member States to freely select solutions

more suitable to their specific waste systems.

Amendment 95

Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 1

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 3 – point 2a

Text proposed by the Commission

'lightweight plastic carrier bags' shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* **with** a wall thickness below 50 microns and which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Amendment

'lightweight plastic carrier bags' shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* **which usually have** a wall thickness below 50 microns and which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Or. en

Amendment 96

Eija-Riitta Korhola

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 1

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 3 – point 2a

Text proposed by the Commission

'lightweight plastic carrier bags' shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* **with a wall thickness below 50 microns and** which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Amendment

'lightweight plastic carrier bags' shall mean **single-use** bags made of plastic materials as defined in Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011* which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products.

Or. en

Justification

Setting a wall thickness to 50 microns is a counterproductive "one size fits all" approach as the Member States vary a lot in their plastic bag usage cultures. The focus should instead be on the re-usability, the quality of the bags and consumer campaigns. Many strong and re-usable plastic bags with less than 50 microns wall thickness are available.

Amendment 97 **Margrete Auken**

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 1 b (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 3 – point 2b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1b) In Article 3, a new point 2b is inserted:

'2b. "very lightweight plastic carrier bags" shall mean bags made of plastic materials as defined in point (1) of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 with a wall thickness below 10 microns;'

Or. en

Justification

Amendment linked to the new definition of carrier bags introduced by the rapporteur. Due to the special purpose of very lightweight plastic carrier bags, they should be defined separately. Very lightweight plastic carrier bags should be defined by a wall thickness below 10 microns.

Amendment 98 **Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis**

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 1 a (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 3 – point 2b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) In Article 3, a new point 2b is inserted:

'2b. "reusable bags" shall mean bags that can be reused a minimum of 125 times;'

Or. en

Amendment 99
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 1 c (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 3 – point 2c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1c) In Article 3, a new point 2c is inserted:

'2c. "bio-based materials" shall mean materials derived from biomass;'

Or. en

Justification

A clear definition of bio-based materials should be given. In line with existing terminology used by CEN, it should only refer to the origin of the material.

Amendment 100
Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2 b (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 3 – point 2c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2b) In Article 3, a new point 2c is inserted:

'2c. "biodegradable bags under industrial conditions" shall mean bags that are degradable in industrial installations in line with EU standard EN 13432 and therefore need to be collected at end-of-life;'

Or. en

Amendment 101

Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2 c (new)

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 3 – point 2d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2c) In Article 3, a new point 2d is inserted:

'2d. "biodegradable bags under ambient conditions" shall mean bags that can be released into the environment under any circumstances (e.g. water, soil) and will decompose within 20 weeks, giving back valuable materials to the eco system. Biodegradable bags under ambient conditions that can decompose in soil, but not in water shall have a thickness of at least 50 microns;'

Or. en

Amendment 102

Margrete Auken

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 1 a (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 3 – point 2d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In Article 3, a new point 2d is inserted:

'2d. "compostable carrier bags" shall mean carrier bags which are decomposed by at least 90% within 12 weeks in industrial composting;'

Or. en

Justification

Carrier bags should not create problems during composting. They should therefore undergo decomposition within the standard time of composting in industrial installations.

Amendment 103
Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 1 a (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph -1a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) In Article 4, the following new paragraph -1a is inserted:

'-1a. Member State shall ensure that packaging is manufactured in such a way that it does not contain substances in concentrations above 0,01% that are carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction or that are endocrine disrupters, and shall ensure that it does not contain „oxo-fragmentable" plastic materials, as described in the relevant Union legislation. Those measures shall be achieved by... *.

** OJ: please insert the date - two years after the entry into force of this Directive.'*

Or. en

Amendment 104
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1 a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Amendment

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve a **sustained** reduction **of at least 80%** in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory **as compared to the average consumption in the Union in 2010** within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Or. en

Justification

We need to ensure that Member States put in place measures that ensure a long term effect. Therefore the target should also apply after the deadline as set in the Directive (two years after entry into force).

Amendment 105
Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of

Amendment

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of

lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

non- biodegradable, non-compostable lightweight plastic carrier bags ***in line with EU standard EN 13432*** on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 106
Sophie Auconie

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall take measures to ***achieve a reduction in*** the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Amendment

Member States ***whose*** consumption ***rate*** of lightweight plastic carrier bags ***is greater than 40 units per person per year*** shall take measures to ***reduce this figure*** on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive, ***in order to meet the target of 40 bags per person per year.*** ***Other Member States shall also be encouraged to continue their efforts to reduce the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory.***

Or. fr

Justification

Member States which have already made significant efforts in this respect should not be penalised.

Amendment 107
Marina Yannakoudakis, Julie Girling

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Amendment

1a Member States shall ***be encouraged to*** take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 108
Andrés Perelló Rodríguez

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Amendment

Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory ***of at least 70% of average consumption in 2010*** within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory of at least 80% of average consumption in 2010 within four years of entry into force of this Directive.

Or. es

Amendment 109
Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Amendment

Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags **and encourage the reutilization and recycling thereof** on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Or. es

Amendment 110
Daciana Octavia Sârbu

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Amendment

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve a **significant** reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 111
Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1a Member States shall take measures **to**

Amendment

1a Member States **within two years of**

achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory ***within two years of entry into force of this Directive.***

entry into force of this Directive shall take measures ***aiming at achieving*** a reduction ***of at least 50% during 5 years following the adoption of national measures*** in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory ***compared to the average consumption in the Union in 2010.***

By derogation from the first paragraph, Member States shall take measures aiming at achieving on their territory a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags necessary for hygiene purposes intended to contain unpackaged foodstuffs or food and beverages that are intended to be consumed immediately after or very shortly after purchase.

Or. en

Amendment 112

Françoise Grossetête, Elisabetta Gardini

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Amendment

Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive. ***Where appropriate, reductions already achieved by means of sectoral initiatives shall be taken into account, in order to prevent unnecessary duplication of existing practices.***

Or. fr

Justification

In France, a range of voluntary programmes have served to reduce the number of lightweight plastic carrier bags in use by more than 90 % since 2002. Voluntary efforts already made should therefore be recognised (once demonstrable results have been achieved) and national measures which merely duplicate them should not be introduced.

Amendment 113

Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis, Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve *a* reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic *carrier bags* on their territory *within two years of entry into force of this Directive*.

Amendment

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve *by 2018 an 80%* reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic on their territory *as compared to their average consumption in 2010*.

Or. en

Amendment 114

Marusya Lyubcheva

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Amendment

1a. Member States shall *draw up programmes and* take *practical* measures *to implement them in order* to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Or. bg

Amendment 115
Corinne Lepage

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 64/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive.

Amendment

1a Member States shall take measures to achieve a reduction **of at least 80%** in the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags on their territory within two years of entry into force of this Directive. **From 2020 onwards, Member States shall end the supply of lightweight plastic bags, including biodegradable ones.**

Or. en

Justification

Pricing measures only are not enough to reduce the amount of plastic bags. A ban on single-use plastic bags would score best compared to all other options considered by the European Commission as far as environmental impacts are concerned.

Amendment 116
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Reductions should be achieved by reference to the [total number of lightweight plastic carrier bags used in the 2010 calendar year] ("the baseline") unless Member States have already taken measures.

Amendment 117
Christa Klaß, Werner Langen

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

With that aim in view, Member States shall ascertain to what extent food retailers charging for plastic carrier bags has helped to reduce consumption.

Amendment 118
Mara Bizzotto

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments ***as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.***

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments.

Amendment 119
Christa Klaß, Werner Langen, Horst Schnellhardt

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments **as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.**

Amendment

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets **and** economic instruments.

Or. de

Justification

Bans are not the way to reduce consumption of light plastic carrier bags. There are less drastic ways of achieving this objective, e.g. making shoppers pay for plastic carrier bags, which have proven their effectiveness in various Member States.

Amendment 120
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Amendment

Member States may use national reduction targets **or national bans**, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 121
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1 a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Amendment

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive. ***Such measures shall not, however, constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between Member States.***

Or. en

Justification

Measures to reduce the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags should be proportionate and non-discriminatory, without violating the Treaty provisions on the internal market.

Amendment 122
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Amendment

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, ***consumer campaigns and campaign by companies, such as daily consumer good traders, voluntary commitments***, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 123
Marina Yannakoudakis, Julie Girling

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1 a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These measures may include the use of **national** reduction **targets**, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Amendment

Non-legislative and non-binding measures **recommended to the Member States** may include the use of **voluntary** reduction **schemes that encompass positive** economic **reward** instruments; as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Or. en

Justification

It should be up to the Member States to ultimately decide on how to deal with the environmental problem of plastic carrier bags in a realistic way that looks at what works for shoppers, the practicalities of people's lives, and the financial constraints they may be facing. Through the use of positive reward instruments, such as loyalty cards or cash off, instead of coercive sanctions, shoppers are far more likely to be willing to change their consumer behaviour in reducing the use of plastic carrier bags.

Amendment 124

Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Amendment

These measures may include **education programmes for consumers in general and for children in particular**, the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive. **Such marketing restrictions, however, shall not include**

total ban of use of lightweight plastic carrier bags.

Or. en

Amendment 125

Pilar Ayuso, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Amendment

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive. *For reasons of hygiene and food safety and taking into account consumer habits, the availability of alternatives and the need to prevent food wastage, Member States may set lower standards or authorize exemptions in respect of plastic bags with a thickness less than 10 microns. Similarly, because of their higher rate of reutilization, Member States may set lower standards for plastic bags thicker than 50 microns.*

Or. es

Amendment 126

Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis, Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These measures **may** include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Amendment

These measures **shall** include **innovative solutions**, the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 127
Marusya Lyubcheva

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These **measures may** include **the use of** national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Amendment

These **programmes shall** include national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Or. bg

Amendment 128
Vladko Todorov Panayotov

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1a – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Amendment

These measures may include the use of national reduction targets, economic **and regulatory** instruments as well as marketing restrictions in derogation from Article 18 of this Directive.

Amendment 129

Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis, Vittorio Prodi

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2 d (new)

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2d) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1b is inserted:

'1b. Oxo bio-degradable bags are unfit to meet the objectives set out in this directive and shall be prohibited.'

Or. en

Amendment 130

Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2 a (new)

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1b is inserted:

'1b. Lightweight plastic carrier bags that are biodegradable and that are recoverable by means of organic recycling shall be exempted from the measures of this Directive provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) they are not provided free of charge,***
- (b) they are used in areas where they are accepted by the competent authorities responsible for waste management as part of bio-waste collection and recycling***

schemes,

(c) they are clearly labelled with information for the consumers on their further use for separate collection of bio-waste,

(d) they are compliant with EN 13432 standard,

(e) they are capable of undergoing biological decomposition such that all of the material decomposes into carbon dioxide, biomass and water under natural conditions in less than two years.'

Or. en

Amendment 131

Elisabetta Gardini, Paolo Bartolozzi, Oreste Rossi

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2 a (new)

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1b is inserted:

'1 b. Member States that have set up organic recycling for bio-waste may exempt lightweight plastic carrier bags complying with standard EN 13432 from the scope of this Directive, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- i) they are not provided free of charge;***
- ii) they are allowed by the competent authorities responsible for waste management as part of bio-waste organic recycling schemes;***
- iii) they are clearly labelled with information for the consumer on their further use for organic recycling of bio-waste;***

iv) they are capable of undergoing biological decomposition such that all of the material decomposes into carbon dioxide, biomass and water under natural conditions within two years, as required by the relevant CEN standard.'

Or. en

Justification

The most effective way to reduce unnecessary consumption of carrier bags is to add a fee per bag. Very lightweight plastic bags which are necessary for food hygiene should be the exception. Member States that have established organic recycling schemes for bio-waste may exempt compostable lightweight plastic carrier bags complying with EN13432 from the scope of this Directive.

Amendment 132

Julie Girling, Marina Yannakoudakis

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2 a (new)

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1b is inserted:

'1b. Plastic bags used to wrap loose, unpacked products shall be exempt from the reduction objective referred to in paragraph 1a since they are necessary for preserving food hygiene and consumer safety.'

Or. en

Justification

Ensuring food hygiene and public health are of paramount importance. Bags used to wrap loose, unpacked products serve to preserve food hygiene and consumer safety and there are currently no alternatives which meet this same objective. Such bags should therefore be exempt from the reduction objective referred to in paragraph 1a.

Amendment 133
Christa Klaß

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2 a (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1b is inserted:

'1b. Member States shall take measures to ensure that food retailers do not provide lightweight carrier bags free of charge. Member States shall ensure that food retailers charge a price for lightweight plastic carrier bags that is effective and proportionate.'

Or. en

Amendment 134
Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2 a (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1b is inserted.

'1 b. Members States shall ensure that the measures to reduce the consumption of plastic carrier bags shall not lead to an overall increase in the generation of packaging.'

Or. en

Amendment 135

Åsa Westlund, Marita Ulvskog

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2 a (new)

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1b is added:

'1b. 'In accordance with the precautionary principle, the European Union shall strive towards a total ban on harmful hormone-disrupting chemicals in plastic bags, order to guarantee a good level of protection of the environment and human health.'

Or. sv

Amendment 136

Margrete Auken

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2 a (new)

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – point 1b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1b is inserted:

'1b. Member States shall take measures to ensure that retailers do not provide carrier bags free of charge, except for very lightweight plastic carrier bags, or alternatives to such very lightweight plastic carrier bags as referred to in paragraph 1c of this Article. Member States shall ensure that retailers charge a price for lightweight plastic carrier bags that is effective and proportionate so as to achieve the reduction target referred to in paragraph 1a of this Article. Member

*States shall ensure that retailers charge at least the same price for other carrier bags. Member States shall take such measures by ... *. Member States that have set up separate collection for bio-waste may require retailers to reduce the price by up to 50% of lightweight plastic carrier bags that are compostable and made from at least 50% bio-based materials that are resourced in a sustainable manner.*

**OJ: please insert the date – one year after the entry into force of this Directive.'*

Or. en

Justification

The most effective way to reduce unnecessary consumption of carrier bags is to no longer provide them free of charge. It should apply to all carrier bags, not only to plastic ones, except for very thin plastic carrier bags, or alternatives thereto. Member States that have established separate collection for bio-waste may reduce the levy by up to 50% for fully compostable lightweight plastic carrier bags. This provides an incentive to shift to such bags only where proper treatment is ensured.

Amendment 137

Andrés Perelló Rodríguez

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – point 2 a (new)

Directive 94/62/EC

Article 4 – paragraph 1b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1b is inserted:

'1b. Member States shall take account of ecological design criteria in national prevention programmes before placing a product on the market, so that the use of plastics and especially lightweight bags, is limited to those cases where, for reasons of food hygiene and safety or in the

absence of any alternative, more sustainable packaging it is necessary to authorize the use thereof for a particular product.'

Or. es

Justification

Electronic appliance and textile packaging frequently contains unnecessary additional internal packaging, for example boxes containing shirts inside plastic bags or packaged electrical appliances with individual bags for each connecting cable, etc.

Amendment 138
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 1 a (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – point 1b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) In Article 4, a new paragraph 1b is inserted:

'1b. Member States shall take measures to ensure that very lightweight plastic carrier bags used to wrap dry loose, unpackaged foods (such as fruits, vegetables and confectionery) are reduced or replaced progressively by carrier bags that are made from environmentally friendly materials that are resourced in a sustainable manner. Member States shall take such measures by ... *.

**** OJ: please insert the date – two years after the entry into force of this Directive.'***

Or. en

Amendment 139
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 1 b (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1b) In Article 4, a new paragraph 1c is inserted:

'1c. Member States shall ensure that the measures to reduce the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags do not lead to an overall increase in the generation of packaging or waste, including food waste.'

Or. en

Amendment 140
Corinne Lepage

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2 a (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1b is inserted:

'1b. Consumers shall be allowed by retailers to refuse and to leave at the point of sale any packaging they consider superfluous, in particular as regard to carrier bags. Retailers shall ensure that such packaging is either reused or recycled.'

Or. en

Amendment 141
Margrete Auken

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2 b (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Annex II – paragraph 3 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2b) In Annex II, point (d) of paragraph 3 is amended as follows:

' Biodegradable packaging waste shall be of such a nature that it is capable of undergoing physical, chemical, thermal or biological decomposition such that all of the material decomposes into carbon dioxide, biomass and water under natural conditions within less than one year.'

Or. en

Amendment 142
Andrés Perelló Rodríguez

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2 b (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2b) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1c is inserted:

'1c. The Commission and the Member States shall, at least during the first year after the entry into force of the directive, promote public information and awareness campaigns concerning the adverse environmental impact of excessive use of conventional plastic bags.'

Amendment 143
Andrés Perelló Rodríguez

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2 c (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2c) In Article 4, the following paragraph 1d is inserted:

'1d. Measures to reduce the use of bags may be accompanied by ecological design measures such as restricting the space that may be taken up by printed advertisements or brand names, so as to reduce the use of environmentally harmful inks and dyes. This shall not apply to messages or warnings issued by certain Member States about the environmental impact of using plastic bags.'

Amendment 144
Sophie Auconie

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 4 – paragraph 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1c) Member States shall take measures to reduce the number of very lightweight plastic carrier bags used to package loose or unpackaged dry foods, such as fruits, vegetables and confectionery, or to

gradually replace them with carrier bags made from recycled materials or, if facilities for the separate collection of bio-waste have been introduced, from bio-based materials. Member States shall take such measures by*

**OJ: please insert date: two years after the entry into force of this Directive.*

Or. fr

Justification

Amendment 25 by the rapporteur should make reference to recycled materials in general, not only recycled paper.

Amendment 145
Judith A. Merkies, Kriton Arsenis

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – point 2 a (new)
Directive 94/62/EC
Article 6a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) A new Article 6a is inserted:

'Article 6a

Types of reduction measures concerning plastic bags

1. Member States shall implement a hierarchy (cascading model) that puts reduction on top, followed by reusable bags, bags that are degradable under ambient conditions, bags that are degradable under industrial circumstances and single use light weight plastic carrier bags.

2. Member States shall take measures to limit the availability of lightweight plastic carrier bags and bags that are biodegradable under industrial conditions where supplied to consumers at the point

of sale of goods or products. A prohibition on such bags shall take effect by 2020, and a levy shall be used as a transitional measure.

Lightweight plastic carrier bags may be used for the packaging of fresh products (for example, dairy products, meat) if alternatives are not available.

Bags that are biodegradable under industrial conditions shall be supplied only when distributors can reasonably expect that those bags will be collected, e.g. bags for municipal bio waste collection, so as to avoid an additional waste stream. The bags shall be designed to be processed in the same way as bio waste.

Reusable and biodegradable bags under ambient conditions may still be distributed to consumers from 2020. In the food sector, those bags shall be subject to a levy that is consistent with the objectives of this directive.

3. If bags are biodegradable under ambient conditions, this shall be clearly indicated on the bag with a mark, feature or colour code. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts to define such indications in order to ensure Union-wide recognition. Member States may adopt measures to indicate other characteristics, such as reusability, recyclability and degradability.

4. Biobased bags shall not have a detrimental impact on agricultural output for human or animal consumption or on the environment; materials shall only be used if they adhere to the cascading principle of biomass.

In line with EU standard EN 16575, a biobased product shall be considered as a product fully or partly derived from biomass.'

Or. en

Amendment 146
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ***bring into force the*** laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by twelve months after the entry into force of this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions.

Amendment

Member States shall ***adopt initiatives, awareness campaigns,*** laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by twelve months after the entry into force of this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions ***in order to facilitate the exchange of best practice between Member States.***

Or. en

Amendment 147
Marusya Lyubcheva

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by twelve months after the entry into force of this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions.

Amendment

Member States shall ***amend their national legislation if necessary and shall*** bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by twelve months after the entry into force of this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions.

Or. bg

Amendment 148
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

Amendment

When Member States adopt those **legal** provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

Or. en

Justification

It should not be required for non-legal provisions or campaigns

Amendment 149
Anna Rosbach

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

In instances where Member States have already taken measures during or after the 2006 calendar year, the baseline shall be the total number of lightweight plastic carrier bags used in the 2005 calendar year.

Or. en

Justification

It is necessary to include a baseline in order enable Member States' past performance to be taken into account.

Amendment 150
Marusya Lyubcheva

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Amendment

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of ***their programmes and of*** the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Or. bg

Amendment 151
Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 2 a

- 1. The Commission shall review effectiveness of this Directive five years after its entry into force.***
- 2. The review shall include the assessment on setting reduction targets for lightweight plastic carrier bags, which are supplied to consumers at the point of sale of goods or products for wrapping loose, unpackaged foods raw meat, fish, dairy products, fruits, vegetables or confectionery.***

Or. en