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AMENDMENTS

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Preventing plastic pellet losses to reduce microplastic pollution

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 1
Ivars Ijabs, Martina Dlabajová

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

(32) Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the pellet supply chain ***should comply with*** the relevant obligations laid down in this Regulation, ***however they could face proportionally higher costs and difficulties when complying with some of the obligations. The Commission should raise awareness among economic operators and carriers regarding the necessity of preventing pellet losses. Additionally, the Commission should develop training materials to assist them in fulfilling their obligations, particularly with respect to the requirements of the risk assessment. Member States should provide access to information and assistance regarding compliance with obligations and the risk assessment requirements. Regarding the assistance of Member States, this could include technical and financial support as well as specialised training to SMEs. Member States actions should be taken in respect of applicable State aid rules.***

Amendment

(32) Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the pellet supply chain ***shall be exempted from*** the relevant obligations laid down in this regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 2
Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Laura Ballarín Cereza, Andris Ameriks

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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obligations laid down in this Regulation, **while taking into consideration the possible different challenges in compliance and the possible** proportionally higher costs. The Commission **and the competent authorities** should raise awareness among economic operators and carriers regarding the necessity of preventing pellet losses. Additionally, the Commission **and the competent authorities** should develop training materials to assist them in fulfilling their obligations, particularly with respect to the requirements of the risk assessment. Member States should provide access to information and assistance regarding compliance with obligations and the risk assessment requirements. Regarding the assistance of Member States, this could include technical and financial support as well as specialised training to **to all personnel handling pellets in the** SMEs. Member States actions should be taken in respect of applicable State aid rules.

Or. en

Amendment 3

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

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Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR). Additionally, the Commission should develop training materials, ***in consultation with all relevant stakeholders***, to assist ***economic operators and carriers*** in fulfilling their obligations, particularly with respect to the requirements of the risk assessment. Member States should provide access to information and assistance regarding compliance with obligations and the risk assessment requirements. Regarding the assistance of Member States, this could include technical support ***and*** specialised training to SMEs, ***as well as financial support and access to finance for micro and small-sized enterprises.*** Member States actions should be taken in respect of applicable State aid rules.

Or. en

Amendment 4 **Maria Spyra**

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Or. en

Amendment 5 **Maria Spyra**

Proposal for a regulation **Article 12 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall develop awareness raising and training material on the sound implementation of the obligations laid down in this Regulation in consultation with representatives of economic operators, carriers, and certifiers, including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and in collaboration with competent authorities.

Amendment

1. ***By 6 months after the entry into force of this Regulation***, the Commission shall develop awareness raising and training material on the sound implementation of the obligations laid down in this Regulation. ***This shall be done by taking into account the non-binding Recommendation adopted by the parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR)***, in consultation with representatives of economic operators, carriers, and certifiers, including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and in collaboration with competent authorities. ***Funds for vocational training, will be made available to develop training material in the form of guidance documents, courses material and podcast enabling to reach the whole targeted sector in each Member State language.***

Or. en

Amendment 6 **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Laura Ballarín Cereza, Andris Ameriks**

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

1. **By 6 months after the entry into force of this Regulation** the Commission **and the competent authorities** shall develop awareness raising and training material on the sound implementation of the obligations laid down in this Regulation. ***This shall be done based on the non-binding Recommendation adopted by the parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR)*** in consultation with representatives of economic operators, carriers, and certifiers, including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, ***social partners, civil society representatives and non-governmental organisations.***

Or. en

Amendment 7

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

1. **Within 6 months after the entry into force of this Regulation,** the Commission shall develop awareness raising and training material on the sound implementation of the obligations laid down in this Regulation, ***taking into account the non-binding Recommendation adopted by the parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR).*** ***This shall be done*** in consultation with ***relevant stakeholders, including*** representatives of economic operators, carriers, and certifiers, including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises,

as well as civil society organisations, and in collaboration with competent authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 8
Maria Spyra

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that economic operators and carriers, especially micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, get access to information and assistance regarding compliance with this Regulation.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that economic operators and carriers, especially micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, get access to information and assistance regarding compliance with this Regulation ***including the organisation of actual face to face training sessions.***

Or. en

Amendment 9
Kira Marie Peter-Hansen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States shall ensure that economic operators and carriers, ***especially micro, small and medium-sized enterprises***, get access to information and assistance regarding compliance with this Regulation.

Amendment

Member States shall ensure that economic operators and carriers get access to information and assistance regarding compliance with this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 10
Kira Marie Peter-Hansen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to applicable state aid rules, the assistance referred to in the first subparagraph may take the form of:

Amendment

Without prejudice to applicable state aid rules, the assistance referred to in the first subparagraph, ***for micro and small-sized enterprises***, may take the form of:

Or. en

Amendment 11

Maria Spyraiki

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to applicable state aid rules, the assistance referred to in the first subparagraph may take the form of:

Amendment

Without prejudice to applicable state aid rules, the assistance referred to in the first, ***second and third*** subparagraph may take the form of:

Or. en

Amendment 12

Maria Spyraiki

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) financial support;

Amendment

(a) financial support ***including the use of various forms of EU funds***;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Laura Ballarín Cereza, Andris Ameriks

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) financial support;

(a) financial support ***including through fiscal incentives***;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 – subparagraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

For medium-sized enterprises, the assistance may take the form of point (c) and (d) of this article.

Or. en

Amendment 15

Maria Spyraiki

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2 a. Access to necessary equipment acquisition shall be facilitated.

Or. en

Amendment 16

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Laura Ballarín Cereza, Andris Ameriks

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Member States shall encourage training programmes for the qualification of certifiers' personnel.

3. Member States shall **strongly** encourage training programmes for the qualification of certifiers' personnel.

Or. en

Amendment 17

Ivars Ijabs, Martina Dlabajová

Proposal for a regulation

Article 12 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3 a. Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the pellet supply chain shall be exempted from the relevant obligations laid down in this regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 18

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article **19** to amend Annexes I to IV. in order to take account of the technical progress and scientific developments.

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Or. en

Amendment 19

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) the specific **needs** of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

Amendment

(d) the specific **structural constraints** of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

Or. en

Amendment 20

Ivars Ijabs, Martina Dlabajová

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) the **specific needs of** micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

Amendment

(d) the **exemptions provided to** micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

Or. en