

Plastic Changes response til SPI

Plastic Change fully support the “The Circular Economy Action Plan” and welcomes the inception impact assessment and road map for the sustainable products initiative and to make sustainable products and services the norm. We recommend that a broad range of requirements should be applied on the European market;

- **Toxic-free design** of products put on the European market is key to a circular economy
- **Obligatory Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) requirements** for all products and services on the European market
- **Minimum information requirements and transparency.** E.g due diligence via the digital product passports initiative, full listing of chemical substances, circularity (durability, reparability, reuse and recycling) and full environmental footprint
- **Monitoring and dedicated targets for absolute reductions in material footprint and consumption footprint**
- **Introduction of generic principles** for all products and services, for example as part of a **circular economy hierarchy where value retention is at the highest priority**

According to the requirements or principles outlined above, a sustainable product policy approach for plastics should at a minimum therefore include:

Sector specific measures including:

- Bans and restrictions on single use items in the food services sector or single-serve toiletry items in the hospitality sector
- Credible market based instruments to improve the economic viability of waste prevention
- Market restrictions for certain types of packaging
- Mandatory design requirements to phase out plastic materials, which degrade into microplastics
- A legislative framework which effectively blocks misleading advertisements and marketing, as well as greenwashing by industry

- Ambitious minimum public and private procurement criteria