

Batteries and Packaging Waste (Simplification): Proposal for a Regulation

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STATUS:

● CURRENT INITIATIVE

Batteries and Packaging Waste (Simplification): Council Experts to Meet on 10 March

Council Member State experts are expected to further examine the [proposal](#) on the simplification of the [Batteries and Waste Batteries Regulation](#) and the [Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation](#) (PPWR) in early March.

LATEST

- The Council's Antici Group (Simplification) is scheduled to meet on 10 March 2026.

ANALYSIS

On 10 March, Council experts of the Antici Group (Simplification) are scheduled to meet for further examination based on a [Presidency](#) steering note (not yet available) of the Commission's [proposal](#) for a Regulation suspending the application of the rules on the appointment of an authorised representative for extended producer responsibility for batteries and waste batteries ([Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1542](#)) and packaging and packaging waste ([Regulation \(EU\) 2025/40](#)).

The discussions will not be made publicly available.

NEXT STEPS

The [proposal](#) will follow the ordinary legislative procedure (previously co-decision) under the [Lisbon Treaty](#).

The proposal has now been sent to the Council and the Parliament, allowing preparatory work to commence.

[European Parliament](#)

The European Parliament designated the Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) to be in charge of the file.

The Committee will now nominate the Rapporteur responsible for preparing the draft Report, which contains amendments to the proposal. The draft Report would then be discussed by the Committee, following which MEPs may submit amendments.

The Committee would subsequently vote on the draft Report and amendments. Once approved, the Committee would then submit its text to plenary for adoption.

The approved text would constitute the European Parliament's negotiating position.

Council

In parallel, Council experts are expected to meet over the coming months to examine the proposal in order to prepare the Council's negotiating mandate (General Approach).

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Trilogues

On the basis of the negotiating position of the European Parliament and the Council's General Approach, trilogues between the two institutions would begin.

During the trilogue negotiations, the European Parliament and the Council would aim to reach a first reading agreement on the proposal.

The agreed text would then be published in the Official Journal before entering into force.

BACKGROUND

The proposal was presented as part of the Commission's Environmental Simplification Package.

The Omnibus forms part of the Commission's larger simplification drive aligned with the Competitiveness Compass which provides a strategic and clear framework for the European Union to regain its competitiveness.

The Commission aims to review the Batteries and Waste Batteries Regulation and the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) to suspend the application of the rules on the appointment of an authorised representative for extended producer responsibility.

Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 regulates the entire life cycle of batteries, from production to reuse and recycling, and ensures that they are safe, sustainable and competitive.

Regulation (EU) 2025/40 sets 2030 and 2040 targets for minimum percentage of recycled content, restricts the use of single-use plastic packaging, and sets new binding re-use targets.

Full title

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council suspending the application of the rules on the appointment of an authorised representative for extended producer responsibility for batteries and waste batteries and packaging and packaging waste COM(2025) 982 final

Contents

The proposal for a Regulation would suspend the application of the rules on the appointment of an authorised representative for extended producer responsibility

for [Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1542](#) on batteries and waste batteries and [Regulation \(EU\) 2025/40](#) on packaging and packaging waste.

Article 1 would suspend the application of Article 56(3) of Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 until 1 January 2035.

Furthermore, in the case of battery producers based outside the EU, if a Member State does not require them to appoint an authorised representative for Extended Producer Responsibility, the Member State must use other methods to ensure it can track those producers and enforce the rules.

Article 2 would suspend the application of Article 45(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 until 1 January 2035.

In addition, Member States may either require producers based outside the EU to formally appoint an authorised representative to handle their extended producer responsibility when they place packaging or packaged products on the market for the first time, or they may use other methods to ensure they can track and enforce the rules for those foreign producers.

Article 3 specifies the Regulation would enter into force 20 days following its publication in the EU Official Journal.

Procedure

Co-Decision