

Joint Industry Statement

Provisional Agreement on Preventing Plastic Pellet Losses to the Environment

Europe's polymer producers, converters, transporters, and recyclers welcome news that policymakers have reached a provisional agreement on legislation to prevent plastic pellet losses to the environment. We support this political compromise; and call on the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union to endorse this provisional agreement.

The industry associations listed below, support binding, mandatory, and harmonised measures to reduce plastic pellet losses to the environment, in line with the European Union's 2030 microplastic reduction targets. The compromise reached between the European Union institutions is a pragmatic approach to policymaking — one where new regulation builds on established best practices — helping to minimise additional regulatory burden on industry whilst achieving enhanced protection for the environment. First movers who have already invested in on-site pellet loss prevention measures are well positioned to comply with new regulatory requirements despite ongoing competitiveness challenges for our industry. We believe this agreement is an example of clean and competitive policymaking.

It is vital that policymakers in European Parliament and representing European Union member states in Council promptly endorse the final compromise text. Publication of the final regulation in the Official Journal of the European Union is now needed as a matter of priority.

The speedy conclusion of deliberations on this file will enhance environmental protection and bring regulatory certainty for the European plastics value chain at a time of severe competitiveness pressure for our industry in Europe.

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