

NGO-industry coalition calls on MEPs to support a mechanism of preferential access for closed-loop recycling in the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation – AMs 67, 102, 266 and 341

Dear Members of the European Parliament,

Ahead of the plenary vote on the [Proposal for an EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation](#) (PPWR), the undersigned organisations would like to express their support to the amendments tabled for plenary and related to the development of a mechanism of preferential access which enables closed-loop recycling.

In particular we support amendments 67, 102, 266 and 341 as they provide critical enablers to support industry in meeting its recycled content targets and enable the closed-loop recycling of packaging, whenever it makes sense and is technically feasible.

We are aware that the development of a definition of high-quality recycling and the references to closed-loop recycling systems in the text have generated concerns from other industries for which closed-loop recycling is not necessarily feasible at the moment or even environmentally beneficial. However, enabling closed-loop recycling by providing packaging producers with the possibility to access the recycled material that would allow it to be used again in the same or a similar application is key.

It is indeed the only way to:

- give the sectors covered by the scope of the recycled content targets a fair access to sufficient recycled materials to actually be able to meet the targets;
- avoid downcycling, whenever preserving the quality or value of the material through closed-loop recycling makes more sense from an environmental and circular point of view, and is technically feasible;
- incentivise all sectors to invest in collecting and recycling their own materials;
- reduce the environmental impact of the recycling process by achieving significant reductions in carbon emissions from the continuous recirculation of material resources.

We thank you in advance for your attention and **remain available for any question**,

Yours sincerely,

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