Suspending the application of the rules on extended producer responsibility for waste, waste electrical and electronical equipment and single use plastic waste (Omnibus VIII on environmental legislation)

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The European Parliament adopted by 612 votes to 8, with 39 abstentions, **amendments** to the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council suspending the application of the rules on the appointment of authorised representatives for extended producer responsibility for waste, waste electrical and electronical equipment and single use plastic waste (Omnibus VIII on environmental legislation).

The matter was referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations.

The proposal aims to **suspend, until 1 January 2035,** the provisions of Directives 2008/98/EC (relating to waste), 2012/19/EU (relating to waste electrical and electronic equipment) and (EU) 2019/904 (on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment) which make it mandatory to designate an agent responsible for extended producer responsibility.

The main amendments adopted in plenary:

- support a more targeted suspension that would only apply to **EU-based small and micro enterprises** and until 2035, or until the adoption of a more comprehensive circular economy act;

- maintain the current regulatory framework with regards to the **appointment of authorised representatives for third-country producers** and remove the possibility for alternative enforcement mechanisms by Member States, thereby ensuring a clear and uniform enforcement framework across the Union as intended by the respective directives;

- specify that the suspension introduced should be limited to the administrative requirement concerning the appointment of an authorized representative and **should not affect any other obligations of producers** with regards to extended producer responsibility or any environmental objectives set out in Union law;

- stated that the simplification measures introduced should remain **temporary, pending the application of forthcoming reform** and should not lead to reduced traceability, enforcement capacity, or compliance with extended producer responsibility. Therefore, this directive should cease to apply once that broader horizontal reform on authorised representatives becomes applicable in order to provide legal consistency.

Comprehensive reform for the extended producer responsibility system

The reform led by the Commission should introduce harmonised definitions, **common minimum requirements** for extended producer responsibility schemes, harmonised fee structures, standardised reporting and data formats, and a single EU-wide digital one-stop-shop for producer registration and compliance. Furthermore, it should strengthen EU-wide **monitoring** and enforcement, including through the assessment of other compliance, traceability, and enforcement mechanisms.

Pending the entry into force of the Circular Economy Act, Member States should **facilitate the exchange of information** concerning producer registrations, compliance status, and enforcement actions. Furthermore, the EU should take the necessary steps to ensure the establishment of interoperable digital systems and common reporting requirements enabling producers to fulfil administrative obligations across the Union through simplified and harmonised procedures.