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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	**Notifying Member:** EUROPEAN UNION **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**
2.	**Agency responsible:** European Commission **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** European Commission, EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/
3.	**Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:**
4.	**Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** 3923 Articles for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics; stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics, 4819 packaging made of paper and cardboard, 7010 Carboys, bottles, flasks, jars, pots, phials, ampoules and other containers, of glass, of a kind used for the conveyance or packing of goods, preserving jars, stoppers, lids and other closures, of glass, 4415 Packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packing of wood; cable-drums of wood; pallets, box pallets and other load boards, of wood; pallet collars of wood, 6305 Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of all types of textile materials 8309 Stoppers, caps and lids, incl. crown corks, screw caps and pouring stoppers, capsules for bottles, threaded bungs, bung covers, seals and other packing accessories 4416 Casks, barrels, vats, tubs and other coopers' products and parts thereof, of wood, including staves Ex 6909 Ceramic wares for laboratory, chemical or other technical uses; ceramic troughs, tubs and similar receptacles of a kind used in agriculture; ceramic pots, jars and similar articles of a kind used for the conveyance or packaging of goods 7310 Tanks, casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers, for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of iron or steel, of a capacity not exceeding 300 l, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment

	7311 Containers for compressed or liquefied gas, of iron or steel 7612 Aluminium casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers (including rigid or collapsible tubular containers), for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of a capacity not exceeding 300 litres, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment 7613 Aluminium containers for compressed or liquefied gas *According to the Explanatory Notes of the Harmonized System of the WCO, reservoirs, vats, drums and similar containers, not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment are included in the following headings as well:* Ex 7419 Other articles of copper Ex 7508 Other articles of nickel Ex 7907 Other articles of zinc Ex 8007 Other articles of tin Ex 8104 Magnesium and articles thereof, including waste and scrap Ex 3919, Ex 3920, Ex 3921 – wrappings if made of plastics Ex 4804, Ex 4805, Ex 4808, Ex 4813, Ex 4823 – wrappings if made of paper 6306 12 and 6306 19 – tarpaulins
5.	**Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904 and repealing Directive 94/62/EC (COM(2022) 677 final) (118 page, in English), (Annex - 36 page, in English)
6.	**Description of content:** This draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on packaging and packaging waste aims to harmonise the rules for placing packaging on the EU market while fostering packaging sustainability and circularity. It lays down sustainability requirements for placing packaging on the EU market related to its composition, design with the view to packaging minimisation, recyclability, use of secondary raw materials in plastic packaging, compostability and requirements on reusable packaging. In order to reduce the generation of packaging waste, it restricts the use of some packaging formats and establishes obligations on economic operators and Member States, including packaging reuse and waste prevention targets. As regards recycling targets and the related rules on their calculation, it maintains obligations from the existing EU packaging legislation (European Parliament and Council Directive 94/62/EC of 20 December 1994 on packaging and packaging waste).
7.	**Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of the unsustainable use of resources, promotion of the circular economy; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment
8.	**Relevant documents:** European Parliament and Council Directive 94/62/EC of 20 December 1994 on packaging and packaging waste (OJ L 365 31.12.1994, p. 10) as last amended by Directive (EU) 2018/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council (EUR-Lex - 01994L0062-20180704 - EN - EUR-Lex (europa.eu))
9.	**Proposed date of adoption:** 2025 **Proposed date of entry into force:** 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU (The provisions shall apply 12 months after the date of entry into force of the Regulation)
10.	**Final date for comments:** 90 days from notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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