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### *Recyclers call for a Waste Shipment Regulation that promotes plastics circularity in Europe*

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In view of starting triologue negotiations on the Waste Shipment Regulation, the European Recycling Industries' Confederation (EuRIC) recalls main messages for achieving coherence between the Waste Shipment Regulation (WSR) and the future Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) for facilitating plastics circularity and plastics free trade within the EU, as outlined in EuRIC's [position paper](#).

Achieving ambitious **mandatory recycled content targets for plastic packaging** under the PPWR requires a **functioning and defragmented European plastics recycling market**. Therefore, EuRIC calls for avoiding measures that have the exact opposite effect when finding a common position in the triologue. Removing waste entries EU3011 and EU48 would **increase the administrative burden** by requiring unnecessary notifications for many plastic waste shipments and **jeopardise the competitiveness of the EU recycling industry**. When competing with virgin raw materials, a level playing field for recycled plastics also requires **minimising the cost of notifications within the EU**. In addition, a **mandatory recycled content target for all plastics** will be essential to ensure investment stability and planning certainty for the industry.

Moreover, the establishment of **EU harmonised end-of-waste criteria** is crucial for better re-introduction of high-quality recycled products (e.g., pellets, powders and flakes) into new products and will be key to the development of the European recycling industry.

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The **European Recycling Industries' Confederation (EuRIC)** is the umbrella organisation for the recycling industries in Europe. Through its member federations from 21 European countries, EuRIC represents more than 5,500 large companies and SMEs involved in the recycling and trade of various resource streams. They represent a contribution of 95 billion EUR to the EU economy and 300,000 green and local jobs. By turning waste into resources, recycling reintroduces valuable materials into value chains over and over again. By bridging circularity and climate neutrality, recyclers are pioneers in leading Europe's industrial transition.

