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Proposal for the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR)

Discussion on Article 16 – Prioritisation and planning

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Timeline for the preparation of the 1st ESPR Working Plan

- **Online Public Consultation** on ‘*New product priorities under the ESPR*’ (Call for evidence + Questionnaire) to be published on Commission Have Your Say website (February – April 2023)
- (possible) **Targeted consultations/workshops** (May - June 2023)
- Further assessment of new products in 2nd half of 2023, building on consultations results
- In 2024: Assessment of progress with the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Working Plan 2022-2024 and preparation of the 1st ESPR Working Plan
 - Prior to the adoption of the Working Plan, Member States and stakeholders should be consulted through the Ecodesign Forum.
 - Due to complementarities, the timelines for the working plan under this Regulation and the one provided for under Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 (Energy Labelling Regulation) should be aligned.

JRC Methodology

- Building on the approach used for the **Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Working Plan**, on **Article 16 of the ESPR proposal** and on **Annex 16 of the Impact Assessment** accompanying the ESPR proposal, the JRC report follows two broad steps:

Step 1: Identification of **potential end-use products, intermediate products and horizontal measures** to be considered for first action under ESPR; first screening based on estimated environmental impacts, market relevance and regulatory gaps, and

Step 2: Suggested prioritisation of the identified end-use and intermediate products, based on preliminary assessment of **estimated environmental impacts and improvement potential**, taking account of ESPR scope and regulatory gaps. This step is not applied to horizontal measures, as the diversity of possible provisions and product coverage does not allow for a scientifically sound comparison. **Potential contribution to the EU's strategic autonomy** was also assessed but not used in ranking products.

Resulting list of end products

The following **12 end-use product groups** have been identified as potentially suitable for first action under the ESPR:

- Textiles and Footwear
- Furniture
- Ceramic Products
- Tyres
- Detergents
- Bed Mattresses
- Lubricants
- Paints and Varnishes
- Cosmetic products
- Toys
- Fishing Nets and Gears
- Absorbent Hygiene Products

Resulting list of intermediate products

The following **7 intermediate products** have been identified as potentially suitable for first action under the ESPR:

- Iron and Steel
- Non-Ferrous Metals (except Aluminium)
- Aluminium and alloys
- Chemicals (Large volume inorganic and organic chemicals, Basic inorganic chemicals)
- Plastic and Polymers
- Paper, Pulp Paper and Boards
- Glass

Resulting list of horizontal measures

The following **3 horizontal measures** have been retained for public consultation:

- **Durability:** the aspects of *reliability, reparability, reusability* and *upgradability* fall within the scope of this horizontal measure;
- **Recyclability:** '*recycling*' means recovery operation of any kind by which waste materials are reprocessed into products, materials or substances, whether for the original or other purposes, excluding energy recovery;
- **Post-Consumer Recycled Content:** referring to the amount of post-consumer recycled material that goes into the manufacturing of a new product

The remaining two horizontal measures assessed by the JRC (*Lightweight Design* and *Sustainable Sourcing*) require further elaboration before drafting of the ESPR working plan, and will therefore not be covered in the online public consultation.

Open Public Consultation: questions

The questions will aim to gather public views on:

- The relevance of the products provisionally identified for action under ESPR (e.g. products to be removed or added)
- The order of priority in which products should be addressed
- The level at which ecodesign requirements should be set
- The most important product aspects to cover, per product group
- Open comments possible for each product and in general

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