Sustainability Regulatory Watch – October 2026

BATTERIES

- Feedback open on draft Act - Commission Implementing Regulation laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards access to and use of certain information in the battery passport
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/1770 of 14 July 2026 on supplementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards derogations for the removability and replaceability of portable batteries
- Commission Notice – Commission guidelines to facilitate the harmonised application of provisions on the removability and replaceability of portable and LMT batteries in Regulation (EU) 2023/1542

CHEMICALS

- Feedback open on draft Act - Commission Delegated Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the harmonised classification and labelling of certain substances

- Feedback open on draft Act - Commission Delegated Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the addition of notes

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

- Communication from the Commission - A resilient Europe for a changing climate: Communication on the EU Framework for Climate Resilience
    - News: The Framework Communication proposes a systemic change: to embed climate resilience across all major policy areas, both domestic and international. It provides support to local and regional authorities to adapt through pilot projects and advisory services. The Framework provides public authorities, businesses and communities with practical tools to help them address climate risks.
    - Questions and answers on the EU Climate Resilience Framework
    - EU Framework for Climate Resilience global website
    - European Climate Viewer
    - Navigator of Climate Resilience Tools
    - EU Mission: Adaptation to Climate Change
        - Mission Solutions Explorer

- Proposal for a Regulation establishing a framework to enhance climate resilience and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Resilience Law)
    - News: The proposed Climate Resilience Law provides a common reference trajectory for global warming. The Climate Resilience Law will bring more efficiency and reduce the Member States' administrative burden. National planning obligations and instruments are simplified by the introduction of one single

national strategic plan. Improved and more regular climate risk assessments will also ensure consistency and comparability between EU and national assessments.

CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS

- In preparation - Implementing Regulation on establishing the format of a label for certain products containing permanent magnets

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSABILITY

- Omnibus VIII - Environment
    - Proposal for a Regulation suspending the application of the rules on the appointment of an authorised representative for extended producer responsibility for batteries and waste batteries and packaging and packaging waste
    - News: On 20/10, The European Parliament adopted its position ahead of trilogue negotiations on measures impacting waste rules on packaging, batteries, textiles, footwear, electronics and single-use plastics. MEPs want to exempt only small companies from the obligation to appoint representatives for waste legislation compliance in each member state where they sell their products. That would apply only to EU-based small and micro enterprises (fewer than 50 employees and an annual turnover or balance sheet under €10 million) and until 2035, or until a more comprehensive circular economy act is adopted. Once the Council has also adopted its position, negotiations on the final form of the laws can begin.
    - News: On 21/10, The Council set its position on a proposal to suspend the application of certain rules on extended producer responsibility (EPR) under the Packaging and Packaging Waste regulation (PPWR). The Council mandate on the EPR regulation provides that producers of packaging and packaging of packaged products established in the EU may be exempted from the obligation to appoint an authorised representative in another member state if they make available on the market of that member state a quantity of packaging below 1 tonne per calendar year. The presidency will enter negotiations with the European Parliament on this file as soon as possible with a view to reaching a quick agreement.

ORGANIC PRODUCTION

- Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2018/848 as regards certain production, labelling and certification rules and certain rules on trade with third countries
    - News: On 20/10, the European Commission welcomed the agreement between the European Parliament and the Council to amend certain production, labelling and certification rules, as well as rules on trade with non-EU countries, in the organic sector. The political agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council is now subject to formal approval by the co-legislators. Once approved, this Regulation will enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
    - News: On 20/10, the Irish presidency of the Council and the European Parliament have reached a provisional agreement on updated rules for the production, labelling, certification and trade of organic products. This targeted revision will make existing rules clearer and easier to apply. It will reduce administrative burdens for farmers and businesses, particularly smaller operators, and provide greater legal certainty for imports of organic products. It will also help ensure continuity in international trade, while preserving the integrity of the EU organic label.

PACKAGING

- Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) and small businesses: What do i need to know?
- Public consultation open - Plastic packaging containing biobased feedstock – EU rules
- Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2026/1948 of 12 August 2026 amending Decision 2001/171/EC as regards crystal glass packaging
- Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/2412 of 28 October 2026 amending Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food