



Lack of response from Member States calling for postponement

As reported in [EMO Newsflash 05/18](#), numerous European sector associations affected by Annex VIII of the CLP (harmonisation of poison centre notifications) [called for a postponement of the applicability dates](#) (reminder: deadline for consumer products is 1 January 2020). These calls were brought to the attention of **CARACAL¹ experts** and discussed at the meeting on 21/22.11.2018. In the discussion CARACAL representatives from **AT, FI, UK, SI, CY, PL and IE** openly supported the calls and not a single Member State opposed to them.

1 Competent Authorities for REACH and CLP (CARACAL): expert group which advises the European Commission and ECHA on questions related to REACH and CLP. Further information about the composition: [link](#)



During the meeting, the **European Commission** did not take a position nor recognise the problem. However, the European Commission **indicated willingness to consider a postponement if a majority of Member States support it and invited Member States to send written comments by 11 January 2019.**

Despite the efforts from EMO members and other national associations, **only very few Member States (BG, IE, IT) have responded so far.** In their statements all three express concerns, suggesting a postponement or at least expressing sympathy to further discuss a possible postponement of applicability dates.

Following-up on the CARACAL meeting in November 2018, the European sector associations which called for a postponement **wrote joint letters to the Cabinet of Vice-President Jiri Katainen** as well as to **DG ENV and DG GROW** seeking for high-level political support. As a response to these letters the signatories have been offered a meeting with Deputy-Director General of DG GROW, Antti Peltomäki on 31 January 2019, which was gladly accepted.

Even if the deadline by which CARACAL members were expected to send comments has expired, the European Commission will continue accepting comments and calls from Member States as long as a de-

cision is pending. This decision will certainly not be taken before presenting the results of the workability study² at a workshop on 13 February 2019. Support from national organisations therefore continues to be vital and we urge EMO members once more to contact their national representatives in CARACAL and competent ministries to seek their written support for a postponement of applicability dates.

The more Member States support a postponement in the coming two weeks, the stronger will be our position when meeting Deputy-Director Peltomäki on 31 January!

² Study on workability issues concerning the implementation of Annex VIII of the CLP for some industry sectors, including construction products., launched by the European Commission in August 2018



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