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Subject: Biobased plastics: towards an EU industrial strategy to close the recycled plastics gap and reduce waste imports?

Europe's chemicals industry is lacking in recycled plastics: it has the capacity for 4.6 million tonnes, and will need 12 million tonnes by 2030. Compostable, biobased plastics are an environmentally friendly solution and represent a potential production of 2.8 million tonnes by 2027. They could cut CO₂ emissions by 30-80 % and use European agricultural starch, which would create added value totalling more than EUR 500 million every year.

Delays to the review of biobased plastics by Article 8 of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive could hold up these sustainable alternatives and cause a 35 % increase of plastic waste imports into the EU.

Composting standards (EN 13432) need to be urgently revised. Speeding up revision could create 160 000 jobs, add EUR 37 billion to the EU's GDP by 2030 and increase industrial investment by 45 % in three years.

1. Can the Commission speed up the review of biobased plastics by 2028 established by Article 8 of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation?
2. Does the Commission intend to review composting standards and develop an industrial strategy for bioplastics?

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