

Ecomondo: Assobioplastiche su modifica Direttiva Imballaggi

A Rimini abbiamo incontrato Luca Bianconi, CEO di Polycart e Presidente di Assobioplastiche, per parlare della proposta di modifica della Direttiva Imballaggi annunciata dalla Commissione UE.

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Durante Ecomondo, abbiamo incontrato a Rimini Luca Bianconi, nella doppia veste di CEO di Polycart e Presidente di Assobioplastiche, l'associazione della filiera italiana delle plastiche compostabili.

Il tema affrontato è quello "caldo" della proposta di regolamento per la modifica della Direttiva su imballaggi e rifiuti da imballaggio, che la Commissione europea si appresta a presentare al Parlamento.

All'articolo 8 (che riportiamo integralmente di seguito, ricordando che si tratta solo di una bozza) il regolamento affronta il tema degli imballaggi compostabili, rendendone obbligatori alcuni (pochi) e mettendo al bando tutti gli altri. Un provvedimento che potrebbe mettere a rischio l'industria italiana delle bioplastiche, una delle nostre eccellenze industriali.

Article 8 - Compostable packaging (bozza)

1. In order to be considered compostable packaging shall be capable of undergoing physical, chemical, thermal or biological decomposition such that most of the finished compost ultimately decomposes into carbon dioxide, biomass and water, according to Article 64(4), and does not hinder the separate collection and the composting process or activity into which it is introduced.
2. By 24 months from the entry into force of this Regulation, tea bags, filter coffee pods disposed together with the used coffee products, sticky labels attached to fruit and vegetables and very lightweight plastic carrier bags shall be compostable in industrially controlled conditions in bio-waste treatment facilities.
3. Where appropriate waste collection schemes and waste treatment infrastructure are available to ensure that such packaging enters the organic waste management stream, Member States, are empowered to require that lightweight plastic carrier bags shall be made available on their market for the first time only if it can be demonstrated that they have been entirely manufactured from compostable plastic polymers.
4. By 24 months from the entry into force of this Regulation, packaging other than that listed in paragraphs 2 and 3 shall not be manufactured from compostable plastic polymers.
5. Compliance with the requirements in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall be shown in the technical information concerning the packaging.
6. Where justified and appropriate due to technological and regulatory developments impacting the disposal of compostable plastics and under the conditions set out in Annex III, the

Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 74 to amend the list of items in paragraphs 2 and 3.

7. The Commission shall, no later than 31 May 2026, request the European standardisation organisations to update the harmonised standard on the requirements for packaging recoverable through composting and biodegradation - test schemes and evaluation criteria. This standard shall consider the composting times, admissible levels of visual contamination and other requirements needed to reflect the actual conditions in the bio-waste treatment facilities, including anaerobic digestion processes, in line with the scientific and technological developments.

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