



Chemicals/ Products/Waste/ Roadmap Platform WG

Mandate and working procedure

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1. Background

In December 2015, the European Commission adopted an ambitious Circular Economy Package to help EU businesses and consumers to make the transition to a stronger and more circular economy where resources are used in a more sustainable way. Within this framework, the Commission was allowed to assess EU rules applicable to waste management, chemicals and products with the objectives to enable recycling and improving the uptake of secondary raw materials and to substitute substances of concern, or where that is not possible, reduce their presence and improve their tracking. The main challenges - insufficient info about substances of concern in products and waste, their presence in recycled products and difficulties in applying EU waste classification methodologies. In January 2018, the European Commission released a Communication putting forward options to address the interface between chemical, product and waste legislation (CPW). It set out different options to address to issues, such as launching additional studies that could lead to subsequent guidelines or regulation. A New EU Circular Economy Action Plan is expected in March 2020. The CPW is relevant to all precious metals in recycling and recycled processes, including refinables (UVCB). It is important that any upcoming regulation (EU standards and national enforcement) secures a level playing field, to avoid low-quality waste stream imports of precious metals, increasing the burden on EU recyclers and refineries.

2. Purpose and Scope

The aim of CPW Roadmap Working Group is:

- to provide a platform to better understand chemicals/waste/product regulations and guidelines;
- to exchange and discuss information, knowledge and best practices with WG members and external guests (European Commission, other relevant stakeholders, academia);



- to monitor CPW subject, in particular the New Circular Economy Action Plan and its policies, on EU institutions level and brief it to WG members;
- to conduct advocacy strategy and activities towards EU policy makers;
- to prepare and ensure adequate contribution of precious metals interface between chemicals, products and waste legislation.

Important to note that refinables (UVCB) do not fall within the scope of this Working Group even when addressed in the CPW Roadmap. Any activities related to UVCB shall be addressed in the relevant working group.

3. Expected output from Secretariat

The Secretariat shall closely monitor CPW issues on the EU institutions level and update the Working Group on the main developments. The Secretariat shall advocate for the precious metals industry at the EU level (European Commission, European Parliament, EU Member States). Advocacy actions shall primarily consist in responding to public consultations, priorly have it discussed with the Working Group members. Further advocacy actions may be pursued by the Secretariat within the limits of the agreed resources. The Secretariat shall inform the Working Group in a timely manner on new developments and policy issues regarding the New EU Circular Economy Action Plan and CPW Interface.

4. Input from Members

Members shall be responsible for providing input to the Secretariat in order to ensure the achievement of the Working Group purposes and actively participate in WG meetings. Failure by a Member to reply by a given deadline will be deemed as a sign of no interest from the Member on the issue at stake and/or approval of the proposed way forward.

5. Meetings

The Working Group shall meet twice a year. If any specific issue needs to be discussed, conference calls or additional meetings shall be organised.