



**BRITISH COFFEE
ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting Executive Director's Report

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UK Parliamentary Activity

- Defra ICO discussion
 - Defra resource issue
 - Willingness to introduce & support BCA requests
 - Linkage to work with other associations
- UK Parliamentary Activity
 - Introductory member letter for constituency MPs
 - BCA will look to help members with follow up activity
 - Next step – event in 2023 –
 - promoting positive action
 - reliant on member activity
 - Look to BCA MP to sponsor
 - Additional actions?

Association's Update

- Engagement continues with NCA/ SCTA/ ECF/ Sintercafe & Cecafe
 - Coordinating messaging on horizontal issues such as deforestation
 - Promoting industry views through ICO, WCPF
 - Building on new ICO structure
 - Challenges & Opportunities - BCA role - 2023
- Focus on UK Government activity
 - Challenges in common with other import commodities
 - Refresh earlier discussion with tea, rice, spices etc.
 - Potential link to further parliamentary activity

Objectives 2022/23:

Increase member engagement

Increase the profile & visibility of the BCA

Strengthen Political Engagement

Promote best practice on environmental and members/ community (the economic and social aspects)

Build contacts with relevant associations/NGOs. – continue and build on existing contacts

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- EU proposals and concerns remain largely unchanged
 - Focus remains on geo-location
 - European space agency pilot project with ECF to look at traceability deliverability
 - EP broadened scope of draft legislation, wider due diligence and income aspects
 - UK – no new developments, waiting on Defra next steps, timeline unclear

EnviroScore Labelling

- IGD project – harmonised UK scheme
- Currently 4 main indicators
 - Climate Change, Water Use, Water quality & Land Use
- **Virtual Reality trials:** results due by end of year.
- **Back-end data:** mapping out the end-to-end process needed to generate product scores.
Recognise number of projects looking at data – where are the gaps?
- **Methodology:** Sessions with Anthesis and World Resources Institute (WRI) to help inform the draft methodology – to be completed by the end of the year.
- **Stakeholder engagement:** Meetings held with FDF members. Areas of concern remain
 - Harmonised data approach
 - Review on-product information and provide access to online information
 - Avoid trade barriers – e.g. EU and NI
 - Avoid discrimination of products and/or supply chains

Packaging Waste & EPR

- Voluntary accreditation but mandatory monthly reporting for reprocessing and

Tonnage & price reporting PRNs/PERNs

- For materials in scope of DRS obligation to continue with PRN/PERNs is only until DRS become operation in country (therefore different timelines across UK)
- Hence, no double obligations on DRS materials

EPR – Political scene delays further implementation development

- Joint industry letter issued – no meetings until response received
- Seeking to escalate issues, including scheme ownership/operation
- EFRA Cte wants EPR for all businesses by 2030
- & ringfence income for recycling infrastructure & research

Technical & Regulatory Review

- **Glyphosate**
 - Re-registration delayed at EU level, knock-on implications for MRL review
 - UK will review but reduction in MRL level less likely
- **Contaminants**
 - OTA new levels from 1 Jan '23. 3 & 5ppb for roast & soluble.
 - EU continues push for MRLs on Acrylamide
 - These actions not, currently, being replicated by the UK FSA
- **Mineral Hydrocarbons**
 - Review of presence of MOSH and MOAH
 - Concerns around positive instances of MOAH
 - Spinning of Jute fibres felt to be area of contamination

ECF – Single Serve Units

Leaked proposal to review existing Packaging Waste Directive

- The proposal only covers: *empty after use capsules, coffee foil pouches and filter coffee pods*
 - NOT empty after use capsules are not covered, referring to 'regular' plastic and aluminium SSU
 - Compostable packaging is ONLY mandated for filter coffee pods
 - If at any point 'regular' plastic and aluminium SSU were to be considered as packaging, it would appear that they would not have the option of being compostable
 - This is a proposal from the EC. The EP and the Council could suggest that ALL SSU are covered by the legislation and agree to make the request to the EC
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- **Option 1: Request that ALL SSU (recyclable & compostable) are considered as PACKAGING with a DELAY in the implementation of the EPR fee**
 - **Option 2: Request that ONLY recyclable SSU are considered as PACKAGING with a DELAY in the implementation of the EPR fee**
 - **Option 3: Request that ALL SSU are NOT considered as PACKAGING, UNTIL there is sorting and recycling infrastructure in place**

ECF, Environmental Factors

Regulation on the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products

22/06/22. EC proposal for a new Regulation including EU wide targets to reduce by 50% the use and risk of chemical pesticides by 2030, in line with the EU's F2F and Biodiversity strategies

- **Legally binding targets at EU level** to reduce by 50% the use and the risk of chemical pesticides as well as the use of the more hazardous pesticides by 2030.
- **Global environmental considerations** to be taken into account when deciding on MRLs in food to *encourage third countries to also limit or prohibit the use of these pesticides, already banned in the EU.*
- **Draft Commission Regulation amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 as regards MRL for clothianidin and thiamethoxam**
- **06/07/22. WTO communication.** First practical example of the implications of the proposal, MRL reduction to the LOD due to environmental factors (pollinators).
- Thiamethoxam MRL from 0.2 mg/kg to 0.05 mg/kg
- Clothianidin MRL remains at 0.05 mg/kg

MRLs – trading standards, not a tool for addressing environmental challenges in other countries