



**BRITISH COFFEE
ASSOCIATION**

Sustainability Committee Meeting

15th November 2023



Agenda:

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Deforestation - UK & EU

Environmental Labelling

EPR Update

ECF Activities

- Green Claims Directive
- Single Serve, LCA's & PEF
- Forced Labour



Deforestation – UK & EU

- Updated EU Q&A expected shortly
- Work progressing on EU database for Due Diligence Statements
- Potential guidance document also?
- EU Red lines – not re-opening & need consistent MS approach
- Discussions with 3rd countries still ahead

- Increasing number of third party options on market – are they delivering?
- ECF continuing work with EU Space Agency – updated app?
- Business readiness, producing country readiness?

- UK – imminent arrival of further information – guidance or draft secondary legislation? Continued concern over IT developments
- Ongoing discussions with range of other stakeholders – potential for coffee sector liaison group?

Environmental Labelling

- IGD project – continuing progress
- Aiming to be: inclusive, scalable, pragmatic & affordable
- Maintaining 4 main indicators
 - Climate Change, Water Use, Water quality & Land Use
- **Virtual Reality trials:** stage 1 completed end 2022 – based on sandwich purchase by 2,600 participants using 5 different label designs
 - Stage 2- using virtual sausage purchases – a high impact category and assess against health, animal welfare, organic etc. labelling
- **Scoring** – at this stage core steering group has moved project back to a nutrition focus and looking only at scores per 100g product.
- Not clear how this ties into project outcomes and BCA amongst number who have raised concerns at loss of option for portion based assessment.
- **Stakeholder engagement:** Meetings held with FDF members. Pre-existing 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

EPR Update

- **Draft Legislation**
 - Consultation on draft during Q3 this year. Responses currently being considered by Govt with view to being finalised in spring '24
- **Reporting**
 - 1st reporting period was Mar-Jun '23 (6 month periods going forward)
 - First submissions by 1st October
- **Modulated Fees**
 - UK consultation on basis for introduction of modulated fees
 - Focus on materials recyclability in first year, other factors could be introduced
 - Basis for modulated could be widened in time to include other environmental factors
- **Ongoing Concerns**
 - Industry challenges continue over costs and lack of ring-fencing
 - Political environment/ General Election likely to have further impact
- **Mandatory Take Back**
 - Potential for webinar engagement with Defra contractors on scheme operation

Green Claims Directive

- Tightening basis for claims
 - Covers explicit environmental claims
 - LCA's verified by external agents
 - Cannot self-verify claims – existing cert bodies etc, likely to be approved
 - Will go to new EP, therefore in force late '26 at earliest

Forced Labour

- Proposals being considered by EP Ctes, votes likely in autumn
- Switches burden from MS to business
- Ties into wider Due Diligence legislation
- Database or risk areas/products – emphasis on business to disprove

Single Serve Units, LCA's and PEF's

- EP Plenary vote on 20th November, improved position which now allows both recyclable and compostable materials
- Council expected to finalise its view in December
- Trilogue negotiations in 2024, concluded before EP elections etc.??

- PEF big focus for ECF in 2024, re-focussing and seeking alignment of positions
- Aim to establish common methodology & guidelines for measurement & reporting
- Thoughts?

2024 Priorities

Deforestation

- Ensure BCA members are informed & supported in progress towards EUDR awareness & compliance
- Ensure representation in discussions with UK Govt
- Utilise PR/Comms to help support members
- Maintain EU involvement at ECF, ICO, DIASCA level including policy workstreams

Carbon

- Create group to look at hot spots in transport & distribution, manufacturing, packaging
- Determine where industry standard data may be available/ collatable

Packaging

- Share published benchmarks with members on packaging
- Maintain involvement with IGD project & Govt Food Data Transparency Partnership to ensure results are meaningful & relevant

Living Income

- Investigate opportunities for benchmark studies/ webinars
- Ensure members' existing activities are known & understood