

Green and Sustainable Economy Committee 2025

#	Issue	Description	Status Quo
1	By-laws of Law 209/2016 regarding the waste management	Following the goal of transposition of the Law 209/2016, the proposed new amendments present significant discrepancies with the provisions and the purpose of Directive 2008/98/EC on waste management, amended by EU Directive 2018/851	<p>Accomplished:</p> <p>Following several Position Papers, rounds of meetings and debates due to lack of several relevant by-laws the following Governmental Decisions were amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GD no. 212/2018, Regulation on waste electrical and electronic equipment • GD no. 561/2020, Regulation on packaging and packaging waste • GD no. 586/2020, Regulation on the management of batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators • GD no. 610/2022, Regulation on the management of used tires • GD no. 731/2022 Regulation on the management of used oils • GD no. 93/2023 Regulation on the management of end-of-life vehicles
2	Packaging Deposit System	Regulation regarding the legal aspects of administrator role for the responsible body for implementation of deposit waste system	<p>In progress:</p> <p>EBA Position Paper on the Deposit Waste System was submitted to the Ministry of Environment. EBA Proposals were discussed within several follow-up meetings. The proposals were partially taken into consideration. Government Decision on establishing the Packaging Deposit System approved by GD n0.379/2025. The process is blocked at the appointment of system administrator.</p>
3	Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)	Amendment to the Law 1540/1998 regarding the payment for environmental pollution by including the new principle of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) - aimed at finalizing the necessary amendments related to EPR and proper wastes management system.	<p>Accomplished /Amendment reinitiated:</p> <p>After a series of meetings with Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Finance, Economic Council to the Prime-minister and Parliamentary Commissions, the amendments to the Law 1540/1998 were adopted by the Parliament and entered into force starting with October 2023. Still, the provisions could not be applied due to discrepancies in legal interpretation between Tax Service and Ministry of Environment and with GD no. 561/2020.</p>

			<p>Reiterating the need to adjust the existing mechanism for effective implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility new amendments to the law were developed. On 27.12.2024 the amendments to the Law 1540/1998 on payment for environmental pollution were published in the Official Gazette.</p> <p>The adopted amendments concern the qualification as subject of all entities that place packaged goods on the market, regardless of the tariff heading to which such packaging is assigned, as well as empty sales packaging.</p> <p>In order to be applicable was amended the Order of the Ministry of Finance on the approval of the form for reporting the tax on goods that cause environmental pollution during their use and the instructions for completing it (POLMED 2025). POLMED 2025 to be applied in 2026 for reporting period 2025.</p>
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