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Report Highlights:

On January 18, 2022, the European Commission launched a public consultation on biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics. Stakeholders have until March 15, 2022, to comment.

General Information:

As part of the [EU Green Deal Circular Economy Action Plan](#), the Commission announced the adoption of a policy framework on the sourcing, labeling, and use of bio-based plastics, and the use of biodegradable and compostable plastics. On September 29, 2021, the European Commission published [a roadmap](#)¹ outlining its intention to publish a Communication on biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics. This Communication, which is set to be published during the first quarter of 2022, will be the first step towards proposing legislation.

On January 18, 2022, the European Commission launched a public consultation on biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics. The results of this consultation will feed into the European Commission's work as it develops its Communication. The Commission notes that the Communication will aim to clarify the role biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics can play to deliver on the EU's commitments toward a carbon-neutral and circular economy. It aims to help improve the understanding of the full lifecycle environmental impacts of these plastics as well as the applications which are likely to be the most appropriate to deliver genuine environmental benefits as compared to conventional plastics.

The public consultation calls on European citizens and stakeholders to share their views in the preparation of an EU-wide policy framework applying to biobased, biodegradable, and compostable plastics. U.S. stakeholders who would like to comment can do so at the following page:

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/web-based-public-consultation-policy-framework-biobased-biodegradable-and-compostable-plastics_en

The deadline for input is 11:45 p.m. Brussels (Universal Time Coordinated + 01:00) on March 15, 2022. All comments provided through this consultation process may be released as public information. The questionnaire consists of several sections and should only be completed once.

¹ For more information, please see GAIN Report: [European Commission Publishes Roadmap on a Policy Framework for Biobased Biodegradable and Compostable Plastics](#).

Attachments:

No Attachments.