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FERVER feedback on the draft delegated regulation on green-listing certain waste for the purposes of shipments to recovery between Member States

FERVER generally welcomes the European Commission's proposal to green-list glass waste (classified under entry B2020), provided that contamination from other waste types does not exceed 10% of the total consignment weight. **However, we recommend introducing a distinction between connected and non-connected contaminants in the proposal. Connected contaminants should not be counted toward the 10% contamination threshold.**

Our proposal:

1. Packaging glass

- **10% non-connected contamination threshold**, excluding connected contaminants such as labels, closures, sleeves, and collection bags.

2. Flat glass

- **10% non-connected contamination threshold**, excluding connected contaminants (e.g. PVB/polymer film, insulation glass spacers, coatings, rubber, wires from wired glass).

3. Glass from Sorting Installations (MRF)

- For waste from comingled collection classified under EU code **19.12.05** and shipped by Material Recovery Facilities (MRF): **15% non-connected contamination threshold**.

4. Photovoltaic (PV) Panels

- **10% non-connected contamination threshold**, excluding connected contaminants, e.g. aluminum frames, cables, junction foil, wires, silicon, polymer backsheet.

- This aligns with **TS 50625-3-5** (Collection, Logistics & Treatment Requirements for WEEE – Part 3-5: Technical Specification for Depollution of Photovoltaic Panels), which defines limit values for glass fractions from silicon-based and non-silicon-based PV panels.

- Relevant codifications:

Basel code: B2020 / Y49 (discarded photovoltaic panels)

European List of Waste codes: 16 02 14 (other discarded electrical and electronic equipment – non-hazardous) and 20 01 36 (municipal origin).



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Recycling glass delivers significant environmental and economic benefits, including the conservation of natural resources, energy savings, and a reduction in landfill waste. As a 100% recyclable material, glass can be melted down endlessly without any loss of quality or purity.

Because it is chemically inert and non-toxic, glass waste serves as a safe, high-quality secondary raw material. Green-listing glass waste will eliminate unnecessary red tape, cut administrative costs, and prevent shipping delays. By standardizing shipment rules across EU Member States, this measure will minimize national margins of interpretation. Consequently, it will prevent conflicting classifications between competent authorities and recycling companies, removing a major source of administrative and financial burdens.

Finally, since not all Member States possess the infrastructure to process every color and type of collected glass, seamless cross-border shipments are essential. They ensure that glass waste is efficiently directed to the specific facilities equipped to recycle it.

About FERVER

As the European federation of glass recycling companies, FERVER brings together industry leaders from 24 countries and its members are, amongst others, responsible for recycling around 70% of Europe's packaging glass waste into highquality cullet – a key raw material used to produce new glass products. FERVER members recycle both container glass and flat glass. FERVER therefore plays a vital role in closing the loop for glass and advancing circularity across Europe.