

PLASTIC PELLETS REGULATION

REACTION ON THE LATEST REVISED COMPROMISE TEXT

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Today, the member states discussed a [proposed compromise](#) (leaked by *Contexte*) made by the Hungarian presidency of the Council of the European Union.

After reading this compromise, Lucie Padovani, European policy officer on plastic pollution for Surfrider comments:

“[The environmental disaster in Galicia](#), caused by the loss at sea of containers of pellets, underlined the urgent need to incorporate maritime transport into the regulation. This priority must be aligned with the overall objective of the proposal, which is to prevent any loss of plastic pellets, including from inland sources. So, with implementation at the heart of this new mandate's priorities, the Council must also commit to a harmonised certification system for the entire value chain, with no legal loopholes. This would allow the EU to regain the trust of citizens and demonstrate its ability to avoid future environmental crises”.

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