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EU calls for evidence on PPWR's three recycled-plastic acts

On 14 August 2026, the European Commission officially launched a call for evidence concerning the core provisions on recycled plastic content under the PPWR. This includes the development of the following acts: the calculation and verification of recycled plastic content; sustainability criteria for plastic recycling technologies; and the conditions for importing plastic recyclates or articles incorporating recycled plastic content from third (non-EU) countries.

What problems are the supporting acts intended to solve?

The PPWR introduces minimum recycled content targets for plastic packaging to promote the circular economy, reduce the use of primary raw materials, and more. However, without harmonised rules, operators and authorities may adopt different calculation methods, evidence submission requirements, and verification procedures for recycled content, which would create uncertainty for businesses and increase enforcement difficulties.

How will the supporting acts achieve these objectives?

Article	Type	Core Content	Considerations
Article 7(8)	The implementing act	The calculation and verification of recycled content recovered from post-consumer plastic waste recycled and collected within the European Union, and the format of the relevant technical documentation.	Data flows, the chain of custody, the level of aggregation, evidence to be retained by operators, and independent third-party audits where needed. Economic and environmental performance, output quality, the availability of the waste, the energy needed and the emissions of greenhouse gases and other relevant environmental impacts may also be considered.
Article 7(9)	The delegated act	Sustainability criteria for plastic	Economic and environmental performance, output quality, the availability of the waste, the energy needed





		recycling technologies.	and the emissions of greenhouse gases and other relevant environmental impacts
Article 7(10)	The implementing act	The methodology for assessing, verifying and certifying equivalence where recycled content is recovered from post-consumer plastic waste that is collected or recycled in a third (non-EU) country.	Protection of the environment and human health, environmentally sound recycling, high-quality recycling, resource efficiency and quality standards for recycling sectors when recycled content is collected, sorted or recycled in third countries.

The call for evidence is open – how can businesses participate?

Stakeholders from both within and outside the EU are encouraged to submit their input via the EU's "Have Your Say" portal. Contributions may be submitted in any of the 24 official languages of the European Union. Feedback period: 14 August 2026 – 16 September 2026.

HCT SOLUTION:

Waltek HCT Testing has long been tracking and interpreting the latest international and domestic regulatory developments. It is recommended that enterprises establish a recycled content data traceability system ahead of time, complete technical documentation, and engage third-party verification and audit to ensure compliance with the new EU packaging regulations.

