

TWO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEES ENDORSE CHEMICALS OMNIBUS TO SIMPLIFY CLP RULES

A.I.S.E. press release

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Brussels, 15 April 2026 – The European Parliament’s ENVI and IMCO Committees have today voted in favour of the Chemicals Omnibus VI package, aiming at simplifying the CLP, Cosmetics and Fertilising Products Regulations.

Nine months after the European Commission made its proposal to simplify the Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation (EC No 1272/2008), the Cosmetic Products Regulation (EC No 1223/2009) and the Fertilising Products Regulation (EU No 2019/1009), the European Parliament has moved a significant step closer to agreeing its positions. The adoption of a joint compromise by the European Parliament’s Committees on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) and the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) marks an important milestone in the legislative process.

A large majority of almost of 114 out of 127 MEPs voted, secured by the two co-rapporteurs for CLP, MEP Dimitris Tsiodras (EPP) and MEP Piotr Józef Müller (ECR), reflected broad cross-party support, including votes from S&D, Renew Europe, the Greens/EFA and Patriots for Europe. Today’s vote demonstrates strong political recognition of the need to simplify EU chemicals legislation while preserving a high level of protection. Greater clarity, predictability and workable timelines are essential for Europe’s chemical sector, its downstream users, and ultimately, consumers.

The proposal is now expected to be voted on during the European Parliament’s plenary session at the end of April. If adopted, it will constitute the Parliament’s mandate to enter interinstitutional negotiations with the European Commission and the Council of the European Union, under the Cypriot Presidency.

Commenting on the vote, Alexis Van Maercke, A.I.S.E. Director General said: *“The European Commission estimates that CLP simplification measures alone could save around €330 million for European industry, with major benefits for SMEs, and A.I.S.E. represents approximately 900 of them across the EU. Current formatting rules are unworkable for both industry and consumers, in some cases forcing companies to increase package size or withdraw products from markets with multilingual labelling requirements, for example in Belgium. The newly approved provisions provide clear rules and sufficient time to adapt packaging, avoiding unnecessary waste and burden while ensuring readable labels for consumers.*”





800ml bottle today

- Belgium: 3 languages
- 0.9 mm x height
- 120% line spacing



800ml bottle (new rules)

- Belgium: 3 languages
- 1.4 mm x height
- 120% line spacing
- Red text not fitting

This momentum builds on last year’s stop-the-clock decision (Regulation (EU) 2025/2439), which extended the implementation timeline of the revised CLP and gave companies much-needed time to adapt. We are confident that the upcoming negotiations can deliver simplification that supports sustainability and competitiveness hand in hand.”

A.I.S.E. particularly welcomes the position on key issues, including pragmatic timelines for updating product labels after new or more severe classifications, the removal of advertisement-related provisions introduced under CLP Regulation 2.0 (in force since the end of 2024), and revised formatting requirements.

As interinstitutional negotiations approach, A.I.S.E. stands ready to continue engaging constructively with EU policymakers to ensure that the final outcome delivers meaningful simplification while maintaining a high level of protection for human health and the environment.

A proportionate, workable, and predictable regulatory framework will be essential to support innovation, sustainability, and the competitiveness of Europe’s chemical value chain and its downstream users.

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A.I.S.E. is the voice of the cleaning and hygiene products industry

A.I.S.E. represents an industry that supplies essential detergents, cleaning and maintenance products, disinfectants and biocidal products for cleanliness and hygiene at home and in public spaces across Europe. Based in Brussels, the association has been the voice of the industry since 1952.

Membership includes 30 national associations across Europe, 19 corporate members, and 18 value chain partners, collectively representing a broad network of over 900 companies supplying household and professional cleaning and hygiene products and services. The A.I.S.E. network works with EU and national decision-makers to strengthen the Single Market through innovative, science-based solutions that ensure user safety, environmental protection, and regulatory compliance.

The industry is a substantial contributor to the European economy with an annual market value of €47,6 billion, directly employing 95 000 and 360 000 throughout the value chain. www.aise.eu

