



Mr. Tito Petkovski
President of the Committee for transport, communications and environment
Assembly of Republic of Macedonia

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Dear Mr. Petkovski,

The final version of the Law on Packaging and Waste Packaging has been adopted by the Gov. of Macedonia, following is the adoption of the law Packaging and Packaging waste by the Parliament.

The law makes an effort to define all the participants in the package waste management in Macedonia, as well as their roles and responsibilities.
It envisions establishment of a system for waste packaging collection, processing and recycling. The draft Law proposes mandatory management of waste packaging for all packaging waste producers, and gives national collection and recycling targets.

USAID's Plastic Recycling Project has been engaged and contributed significantly by coordinating and facilitating public debates concerning the draft law incorporating all stakeholders in the process of packaging waste management (Central Government authorities, local authorities, utility companies, private companies that collect and recycle packaging waste, informal collectors etc.).

Assuming that Law on Packaging and Waste Packaging will be adopted by end of year 2009, there are still some topics and issues that the members of PETRA would like to address, thus we would like to draw the attention of most relevant on the following articles in the draft law:

- **Article 35-National targets,(The draft law propose the implementation of the National targets which are set at 22.5% for Plastics to be achieved by 2020, however at present the plastic recycling industry has achieved to surmount this figures and only for plastics the recovery rate in 2009 is approx. 45%) Thus the stakeholders as it was in the previous debates request that the national target for recovery of Plastic is set at 45% and implementation date is 2016, similar to the first draft of the law.**
- **Article 38- commission managing packaging waste, The purpose of this commission is to monitor and evaluate the situation with managing packaging waste as well as develop and adopt the program for managing packaging waste(The informal collectors have requested inclusion of one member from the informal collectors in the commission)**
- **Article 63 -Implementation time schedule, (The members of Petra have requested to shorten the implementation of the law for one year, thus instead of 2012 as proposed in the draft law, the implementation would start in 2011)**

We believe that as it was in the earlier stages of drafting the law when USAID Plastic Recycling project was actively involved in providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Environment in creating transparent environment in drafting the Law on packaging and Packaging Waste, support



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from PRP will continue in order to address the remaining concern of the stakeholders concerning the articles mentioned above in the review of the law in the parliamentary procedure.

Sincerely Yours,
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