

## **Protecting environment and health: Measures to restrict intentionally added microplastics adopted 25 September 2023**

In September 2023 the Commission took another major step to protect the environment by adopting measures that restrict microplastics intentionally added to products under the EU chemical legislation REACH. The new rules will prevent the release to the environment of about half a million tonnes of microplastics. They will prohibit the sale of microplastics as such, and of products to which microplastics have been added on purpose and that release those microplastics when used. When duly justified, derogations and transition periods for the affected parties to adjust to the new rules apply.

EWA NEWS presents you the key elements as well as a link to the full text of the Regulation.