



## Parlamentul României Senat

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### OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

#### **on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC COM(2022) 677 final**

The Romanian Senate examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC - COM(2022) 677 final – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon Protocol (no. 2).

Taking into account the report of the Committee for European Affairs, the Plenary of the Senate, during its session of April 24, 2023,

(1) consider that

- a) the proposed regulation will facilitate sustainable packaging on the internal market, improve reusability and recyclability and ensure packaging labeling with easy-to-understand consumer information on recyclability;
- b) it is not enough to impose obligations only on manufacturers regarding the design for recycling and reuse of packaging in the absence of support for financing and attracting investments in the development of infrastructure for separate collection, sorting and recovery of used materials, an aspect that must be taken into account, at national level, by central and local public authorities with responsibilities in the matter;

(2) claims that the provisions relating to the guarantee-return system, the criteria relating to recyclable packaging and reuse and public procurement are adequate to the objective of the proposed regulation;

(3) appreciates that certain clarifications are needed to ensure proper implementation and leave no room for interpretation;

(4) it draws attention that

- a) greater clarity of the definitions is necessary, as they play an important role in understanding the provisions of the proposed regulation;
- b) it is important to make certain clarifications that will allow the correct application of the provisions, so that there is no room for interpretation. Among these are: the need for a well-defined allocations of responsibilities of the actors involved in the application of this future regulation and the establishment of a minimum amount of packaging placed on the market, after which the manufacturer to be required to obtain an authorization based on which it fulfills its extended manufacturer liability obligations.