

## **ETRMA and EURIC call for the development of EU-wide End of Waste criteria for the End of Life Tyre-derived Rubber Waste Stream.**

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ETRMA and EuRIC are committed to support the European Commission in developing **EU harmonized End of Waste (EoW) criteria.**

**The rubber supply chain is ready for the next step in the advancement and uptake of the recycling of ELT-derived Rubber.**

This will secure that trade across European borders happens normally in equal conditions and with equivalent opportunities across borders, while reducing the administrative burdens associated with trading.

Since many regulations, like Declarations of Performance for construction products, or the REACH restriction of chemical substances only apply once the material has ceased to be waste, EU harmonized EoW criteria will also secure the material's accountability for safety and quality criteria.

All this is of key importance to increase the uptake of ELT- derived rubber in the manufacture of new rubber products for high-value end-use markets.

ETRMA and EURIC believe that securing a common starting point for end-of life tyres-derived rubber to cease to be waste is essential to foster the circular economy in Europe. This can only be achieved with a European End-Of-Waste criteria, that is translated in a legal text, applicable in all Member States. This will add trust to the market, increase investors' security and boost the research and development on innovative solutions of this valuable material.

For further information, please refer to:

[ETRMA's website](#)

[EuRIC Website](#)

**ETRMA:** The European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers Association represent nearly 4.400 companies in the EU, directly employing about 370.000 people. The global sales of ETRMA's corporate members represent 70% of total global sales and 7 out of 10 world leaders in the sector are ETRMA Members. The product range of its members is extensive from tyres to pharmaceutical, baby care, construction and automotive rubber goods and many more applications. We have a strong manufacturing and research presence within the EU and candidate countries, with 93 tyre plants and 16 R&D centres. Management of end-of-life tyres (ELT) is under EPR across the EU Member States. [The collection and treatment is organised through ELT Management companies.](#)

**EuRIC:** The European Recycling Industries' Confederation -is the umbrella organisation for recycling industries. Through its Member Federations and Companies from 21 EU&EFTA countries, EuRIC represents across Europe over:

- 5,500+ companies generating an aggregated annual turnover of about 95 billion €, including large companies and SMEs, involved in the recycling and trade of various resource streams;
- 300,000 local jobs which cannot be outsourced to third EU countries;
- Million tons of waste recycled per year (metals, paper, glass, plastics, WEEE, ELVs, tyres, textiles and beyond).

By turning wastes into resources, recyclers play a key role in bridging resource efficiency, climate change policy and industrial transition.