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Press Statement: COSMED, EFEO and IFEAT welcome compromise on Omnibus VI while highlighting remaining concerns

COSMED, the European Federation of Essential Oils (EFEO) and the International Federation of Essential Oils and Aroma Trades (IFEAT) welcome the adoption of the **Omnibus VI package** by the joint ENVI-IMCO committee.

The associations commend the efforts and concessions made by political groups to reach a balanced consensus, reflecting a constructive approach to reconciling simplification objectives with a high level of consumer and environmental protection.

At the same time, COSMED, EFEO and IFEAT want to underline several points of satisfaction or concern:

- On the **Cosmetic Products Regulation**, the associations strongly welcome the fact that article 15.6 recognizes the specificity of plant extracts and their safe use being eventually assessed by the SCCS when containing one or more constituents classified as CMR.
- However, they would have preferred to keep the European Commission's proposal to fix the 15-month **transition period** under Article 15(2) from the date of application of the corresponding CLP amendment. While the introduction of a 12-month extension in case of derogation requests is welcome, the original proposal would have better supported SMEs, which continue to face challenges in preparing for regulatory changes due to reduced capacity to anticipate restrictions.
- Regarding the assessment of **alternative substances**, the signatories note with concern that consumer expectations are not explicitly considered, despite the growing importance of natural substances for both consumers and SMEs in the sector.
- On the **CLP Regulation**, the associations strongly welcome the extension to 18 months for relabeling following classification changes. They also support the proposal to assess labelling requirements for small containers (≤ 125 mL). However, we regret the reintroduction of minimum font size requirements for products intended for the general public, particularly for small containers. A readability-based approach would provide a more proportionate and workable solution, especially for SMEs.



The associations remain committed to engaging constructively with EU institutions to ensure that the final outcome supports a science-based, proportionate, and workable regulatory framework for the sector.

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About COSMED

COSMED is the French cosmetic association for SMEs, a non-profit seeking association with more than 1000 members, in France and Europe. COSMED is recognised by the French authorities as the representative body for the cosmetics industry in France. COSMED sit at the European Commission as the voice of cosmetic SMEs. COSMED is involved in the development of cosmetic regulations, as well as in national and international standardisation bodies to contributes to the development of a regulatory framework for the marketing of safe and effective cosmetic products.

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About EFEO

The European Federation of Essential Oils (EFEO) is committed to raising awareness among policymakers, regulators, and authorities regarding essential oils and their derivatives. EFEO advocates for a comprehensive understanding of their uses, cultural and economic importance, and the potential impact of legislative and regulatory measures on the sector.

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About IFEAT

The International Federation of Essential Oils and Aroma Trades – is a trade association founded in 1977. It represents the interests of companies involved in the production, processing, trading and manufacturing of the many thousands of ingredients used in flavours, fragrances and aromatherapy. Among our activities, we aim to raise awareness among political stakeholders on what essential oils and their derivatives are, how they are used, the cultural and economic significance of the sector.

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