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Dear Ms Sterrantino,

Thank you for the joint letter on behalf of national plastics converting associations and EuPC of 15 March 2021 addressed to the President of the European Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen, Vice President Frans Timmermans, the Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, Virginijus Sinkevičius and Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton, with observations relevant to the guidelines on single-use plastic products under Directive 2019/904 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment (the ‘SUP Directive’). I have been asked to reply on their behalf.

We have taken good note of your arguments regarding the documents enclosed on the “Single-use paper-based packaging in quick service restaurants is better for the environment than reusable tableware”, in the letter signed by a group of MEPs, dated February 11th, 2021, and the EPPA Press Release of January 11th, 2021.

As required by Article 12 of the Directive, the process of developing guidelines on the single-use plastic products covered by the Directive has involved in-depth consultations with Member States and with a wide range of stakeholders. The Guidelines, which should clarify the Directive’s scope and definitions are currently being finalised within the Commission and we envisage their adoption in the coming weeks. They will be published in the Official Journal, and I would also advise you to check on the single-use plastics website: [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/topics/plastics/single-use-plastics\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/topics/plastics/single-use-plastics_en)

Let me reassure you that the different viewpoints and the feedback from stakeholders have been and are being considered in the process.

Thank you for your valuable and indispensable support in the process of supporting the harmonised implementation of the SUP Directive.

Yours sincerely,

e-signed  
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