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EPF Feedback on the Inception Impact Assessment on the revision of the Regulation on the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR)

The European Panel Federation (EPF), welcomes the Inception Impact Assessment on the revision of the Regulation on the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR). The wood-based panels industry believes that all industrial sectors should contribute, in line with the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED), to ensure better control and reduce the impact of industrial emissions on the environment and on the quality of life in the EU.

In this respect, EPF calls on the European Commission, when elaborating its proposals for the revision of the the Regulation on the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register, to:

- Ensure that lower emissions from industrial production is done through an integrated and balanced approach;
- Guarantee that, while reviewing the scope of the E-PRTR Regulation, no market sensitive information (e.g. production volumes) will be incorporated into the database;
- Confirm that the revision will genuinely help contribute to the circular economy and decarbonisation of the EU industrial sectors in order to progressively move towards the zero-pollution objective;
- Ensure simplification and that no unnecessary burden and costs are imposed on companies, especially SMEs.

EPF represents the manufacturers of wood-based panels being particleboard, dry process fibreboard (MDF), oriented strand board (OSB), hardboard, softboard and plywood. EPF has members in 32 European countries. The EU wood panel industry has a turnover of about 22 billion EUR every year, creates over 100,000 jobs directly and counts more than 5,000 enterprises in Europe. The production of wood-based panels in the EU-28 (+EFTA) in 2019 was an estimated 59.2 million m³. www.europanel.org

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