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MEPs DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO TRANSITION EUROPE TOWARDS A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Members of The Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment (ACE) welcome the vote of the ENVI Committee on changes to EU waste legislation, which recognises the benefits of bio-based materials as strong contributors to a Circular Economy.

“The further deployment of renewable materials for packaging will contribute to foster innovation, investments and qualified jobs in Europe. This positive vote will lay the groundwork for a low-carbon economy and reduce dependence on finite primary materials,” comments Annick Carpentier, Director General of ACE.

“The outcome of this vote is also good news and a step forward for increased recycling in Europe. Bolstering separate collection of packaging will generate a further push for innovation in sorting and recycling solutions as well as secure higher recycling rates,” Ms. Carpentier adds.

ACE members remain committed to the further development of the Circular Economy and will continue to contribute to policy initiatives in this area.

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Note to Editors

ABOUT ACE

ACE provides a European platform for beverage carton manufacturers and their paperboard suppliers to benchmark and profile cartons as renewable, recyclable and low carbon packaging solutions. Engaging with stakeholders and partners seeking high environmental stewardship, it contributes expertise to EU policy, legislation and standard-setting.

ACE members include beverage carton producers Tetra Pak, SIG Combibloc and Elopak; they develop, manufacture and market systems for the packaging and distribution of food, and produce packaging material at 20 plants in Europe. About 98% of the paperboard used by ACE members in beverage cartons in Europe is produced by Stora Enso in Skoghall (Sweden) and Imatra (Finland), and BillerudKorsnäs in Gävle and Frövi (Sweden), who are also members of ACE. These paper mills and the beverage carton manufacturers in ACE together employ close to 30,000 people worldwide.

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