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FEICA calls for swift adoption of CLP 'stop-the-clock'

FEICA – the Association of the European Adhesive & Sealant Industry, representing a sector where 85% of companies are SMEs – welcomes the twin proposals put forward by the European Commission on 8 July 2025 under Omnibus VI to simplify EU chemicals legislation:

- COM(2025)531 – the broader Chemicals Simplification Omnibus, specifically its provisions streamlining the CLP Regulation
- COM(2025)526 – the targeted 'stop-the-clock' amendment to the CLP Regulation (EU 2024/2865)

Together, these proposals will simplify the rules and introduce greater flexibility, helping to eliminate excessive costs for our sector.

As implementation of the revised CLP Regulation moves forward, FEICA highlights three key elements necessary for a workable system:

- **Flexible formatting rules** – to avoid unnecessary redesigns and waste of already-compliant stock, especially in multilingual markets
- **Staggered transition periods** – to reflect real-world supply chain dynamics and allow SMEs adequate time to adapt
- **Proportionate advertising provisions** – to respect technical limitations while ensuring legal certainty

The 'stop-the-clock' proposal is therefore essential. By granting additional time before new labelling and advertising obligations take effect, it gives co-legislators the time to fully debate the broader simplification package, while offering companies the predictability they need to plan and invest in compliance.

FEICA calls on the European Parliament and Council to adopt COM(2025)526 without delay and to progress the wider Omnibus proposal in the same spirit of smart, practical legislation.

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