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## FEICA Feedback to the Draft act on *Designing mobile phones and tablets to be sustainable – Ecodesign*

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FEICA, the Association of the European Adhesive & Sealant Industry, is a multinational association representing the European adhesive and sealant industry. Today's membership stands at 16 National Association Members (representing 17 countries), 25 Direct Company Members and 24 Affiliate Company Members. The European market for adhesives and sealants is currently worth more than 17 billion euros. With the support of its national associations and several direct and affiliated members, FEICA coordinates, represents and advocates the common interests of our industry throughout Europe. In this regard, FEICA works with all relevant stakeholders to create a mutually beneficial economic and legislative environment.

### Designing mobile phones and tablets to be sustainable – Ecodesign

One of the options to build trust and influence the relationship between consumers and business, with the aim of extending the useful life of goods, is reparability by professionals. This means repairs by a manufacturer, seller, independent repairer or generalist. FEICA believes that the professional repair by operators having skills, tools and knowledge is in general the recommended way to replace spare parts, since this guarantees the correct end-of-life handling of the parts intended to be replaced with regards to the circular economy and EU Green Deal principles. Professional repairers are able to collect the replaced and damaged spare parts, i.e. batteries, and return them into recycling material flows, such as back to the manufacturer. A layman however, might not have access to a waste collector able to correctly sort the different materials.

The adhesive and sealant industry recommends that electronics should be repaired by professionals to also ensure the continuity of the market of professional workers, as well as the quality of the replaced product. More trust is to be given to an electronic product repaired by a professional repairer.

We would like to thank in advance the Commission for considering the feedback above.

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