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FEICA position regarding the proposed roadmap

REVIEW OF ECODESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER SERVERS

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FEICA members support the need for ecodesign to encourage end-of-life re-use and recycle solutions for electronic products and components, such as computers. The aims for reducing waste and ensuring full circularity of the economy go beyond what economic actors can achieve alone.

FEICA has already been an active advocate in the ecodesign legislation proposals for electronic displays and servers and supports the principle that design for circularity is important. Adhesives are an outstanding and versatile fixing solution. The use of appropriate adhesive bonding solutions to facilitate repair and recycle should be properly planned and engineered during the design phase of a product.

For these reasons, FEICA members believe that, should the European Commission decide to pursue either policy options 2 or 3, the revision of these regulations must be balanced and the competitiveness of European industry must be considered. Imposing specific technologies on manufacturers could potentially result in a technology lock-in, thus hampering innovation and preventing the development of more efficient products in the future.

By working closely with customers, adhesives manufacturers can help ensure that the optimum adhesive solution is specified in the design phase to improve the recycling and repair potential of future products.

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