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Statement: Against reclassification of recycled aggregates under “REACH”

EQAR (European Quality Association for Recycling), the European umbrella organization for the recycling of construction materials, vehemently supports FIEC's demand that recycled construction materials should not be included under the REACH regime.

The reason for this is that the mineral construction materials used in a building are tested and authorised. During demolition, it is precisely these building materials that are sent for quality-orientated recycling. According to the European specifications, structural and environmental tests are required for the recycled construction material. Appropriate pre-demolition audits prevent pollutants from entering the recycling process.

It is therefore neither sensful nor necessary for these recycled building materials to be subject to REACH.

EQAR is in favour of considering recycled mineral construction materials as articles rather than substances, as has been the case up to now.

A change to the system would not only run counter to the aim of the Green Deal, the EU-Taxonomy Regulation and the new Construction Products Regulation but would also massively reduce the recycling rate.

Yours sincerely

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