Circular Regulation

What is Circular Regulation? Laws and regulations that encourage the transition to a circular economy. This can be done through taxes, incentives, and penalties. These regulations make companies and individuals think more about how their actions are affecting the environment.

Sweden's Tax Breaks

New tax break in 2017 provides 50% off taxes on repairs for items such as clothes, shoes, bicycles, and home appliances. This is expected to reduce waste and create more jobs. Source

France Plastic Tableware Ban

In 2016, France banned plastic disposable cups, plates, and cutlery. By 2020 all disposable tableware must be composed 50% of biologically sourced materials.

Source

EU Plastic Packaging

The European Union has set a goal that by 2030 all plastic packaging introduced to the market should be reusable or recyclable. This will reduce plastic waste and marine litter and decrease the carbon footprint throughout Europe.

Source

Circular Economy in China

Since 2002, Circular Economy has been the federal government's main development strategy, with focus on managing all aspects of resource use, including water, land, energy, materials, and waste.

Right to Repair Laws

Legislation is being created in parts of the US requiring electronics manufacturers to sell genuine replacement parts, tools, and instructions. This will encourage device repairs rather than replacements. <u>Source</u>

Interesting Further Readings

Information on plastic use in the EU

Deposit return schemes

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