

Biodegradability in EU Products Legislation: Case Studies of Fertilising Products and Detergents

Abstract

This presentation offers an analysis of the EU regulatory requirements governing the biodegradability of certain ingredients used in fertilising products and detergents. It reviews the provisions set out in Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 for polymers used as coating and water-retention polymers in fertilising products and as mulch films, and considers the requirements established by Regulation (EU) 2026/405 for surfactants, polymers and other organic ingredients used in detergents. The presentation aims to highlight the similarities and differences on biodegradability aspects between these frameworks, clarify the EU regulatory approach, and contribute to a better understanding of the European Commission's future work in this field.