

ECIJA ADVISES ON SPAIN'S LARGEST ENVIRONMENTAL CLASS ACTION TO DATE

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Ecija has advised the platform led by Greenpeace, Ecologists in Action and Friends of the Earth in its complaint before the European Commission for non-compliance with recycling targets. **Víctor Moralo**, partner of the firm, has lead this project.

Victor is a partner at Ecija in the areas of sustainability and environment. He has more than 19 years of experience in the sector, having advised on urban planning matters to the main public entities, private developers and banks in Spain, with special mention for his work on the most emblematic urban developments in Madrid.

Ecija's sustainability area has assumed the legal direction of the largest collective environmental action in Spain to date: The complaint of the platform formed by 26 environmental organisations to Miterd before the European Commission for non-compliance with the recycling and preparation for reuse targets. The plaintiffs include environmental associations such as Greenpeace, Ecologistas en Acción, Amigos de la Tierra and Retorna, among others.

The platform denounces the Miterd for not having adopted and promoted over the last few years the necessary measures to achieve the objectives required by the European Union, and for having delayed the transposition of European Directives such as Directive (EU) 2018/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 30 may, amending Directive 4/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste, recently transposed by the spanish Government through Royal Decree 1055/2022, of 27

december, on packaging and packaging waste.

The platform denounces the Congress of Deputies for admitting for processing Proposition of Law no. 122/000281 dated 12 december 2022, on the sustainability of the management of packaging and packaging waste, presented by the Popular Parliamentary Group in the Congress of Deputies. The Bill aims to amend Law 7/2022, of 8 April, on waste and contaminated soils for a circular economy, seven months after its publication, distorting the transposition into spanish law of Directive (EU) 2018/851 of the European Parliament and of the Council. In addition, the admission of the aforementioned bill was on 20 December, a few days before the transposition by the Spanish Government of Directive (EU) 2018/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council, which was done on 27 December 2022 through the approval of the Royal Decree on packaging and packaging waste.