Regarding trade of polymers and chemicals, there are already some legal regulations restricting the trade of chemicals and polymers. Some of the regulations in question are fulfilled in accordance with national and some international legislation, and there is a compatible commercial system between countries. It should be ensured that the structures and applications to be established within the new instrument include the existing applications in question and do not impose additional workload. It is deemed useful to make a detailed evaluation of issues that are contrary to competition policy principles and may create technical barriers to trade.

On the other hand, it should be taken into consideration that the system proposed to be created may have difficulties in monitoring and may slow down the current workflow in customs, and financial and technical support as well as the necessary information/experience transfer should be provided to customs.

As it is known, transboundary movement of waste is an issue for which importing and exporting countries are jointly responsible, and when the rules are not followed, a return to origin procedure is applied. In this case, the extension of the period during which all plastic waste will be subjected to the PIC procedure and the work and financial burden this will create should be taken into account.

It is considered beneficial to expand the zero draft text on plastic waste trade on importer and exporter obligations, whether the PIC procedure will be carried out in accordance with the procedure defined in the Basel Convention and how the return to the source will be made. In addition to the issues mentioned, it is also necessary to make arrangements that will not create duplication with other international or regional practices on the subject.

Reducing plastic use and preventing waste will naturally affect production tools and business sectors, and people’s working patterns and lives will also change. At this point, in a just transition, in addition to the circular economy, the human factor is also included in the process. With a just transition, it is necessary to seek new job opportunities and raise funds, etc., so that people can adapt to the change process in question.