

Remissvar: EU-kommissionens förslag på revidering av Avfallsdirektivet (2008/98/EG). KN2023/03699

KTH:s remissvar begränsar sig till de delar som berör avfall från mat (food waste).

Food losses and food waste are one of the largest contributors to climate change, as they account for between 8 – 10% of the global greenhouse gas emissions. The current proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Waste is a very positive contribution to mitigate food waste, as it takes a holistic view on the entire food value chain, establishes procedures for quantifying and monitoring food waste generation across stakeholders, and proposes target reductions for each stage and stakeholders in the value chain.

General comments

The Directive should aim for a clear harmonisation of the definitions of food losses and food waste. The Directive seems to use the concept “food waste” to describe all discarded food within the entire food system (from primary producer to consumption), whereas food losses describe only the discarded food during primary production and processing. Clear definitions should be added to the Directive text, so clear responsibilities can be assigned to the stakeholders in the food value chain.

Minor comment

Article 9a

A new bullet point should be added after “*Those measures shall include the following*”:

...

(e) supporting the creation of new value chains and business models from food waste streams into new food products, including harmonization of derived regulations.

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