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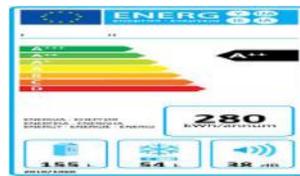
On Wednesday, June 14, a doctor who was interviewed by the Senate Commission on the cost of air pollution in 2015 is suspected of having lied under oath when he testified before the Paris Criminal Court. At the hearing, he stated that he had no connection with an economic actor, even though he was a medical consultant for the French multinational Total. Following this, the Senate, followed by the associations Ecologie sans frontières and Future Generations as well as the Public Assistance-Hospitals of Paris (AP-HP) constituted civil party. For Senator Leila Aïchi, senator Europe-Ecology the Greens, this case is above all a symbol and wishes "exemplary penalties" to stem a growing phenomenon so problematic today: conflicts of interest

HEALTH - LAXISM OF BRUSSELS ON ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS

Three international scientific societies representing thousands of researchers sent a letter to the 28 European ministers responsible for the environment to warn them of the European Commission's proposed regulation of endocrine disruptors (EP). The vote on the draft will in principle be submitted on 4 July at a meeting of the Standing Committee. What is to be adopted are criteria for the identification of EPs at European level in order to regulate substances with apparent properties to PE in the family of pesticides. Then sooner or later these criteria will affect other products such as cosmetics or pharmaceuticals.

PEs affect not only human health but degrade the environment and biodiversity, they are also suspected of participating in the increase of a variety of common diseases and turrets. The problems are the criteria, which are not based on science, are criteria developed by the European Commission. Criteria deemed too "lax" and insufficient for the protection of the environment and human health.

CONSUMPTION - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AMENDS ENERGY LABELING



On 13 June 2017, the European Parliament adopted a new legislative framework on first reading by 535 votes in favor of the energy labeling of products placed on the European market.

The novelties which emerge from this text are for example the abolition of the energy classes of A + a +++ as well as the return to a single scale of A to G from the end of 2019.

Due to a proposed revision on the energy label presented By the European Commission in July 2015, the latter justified this measure by the fact that the introduction of the A + and higher classes in 2010 reduced the efficiency of the system and put consumers in a confused situation.

Furthermore, the text provides for the placing on line of additional information on a product with a paper label. In addition, the European Commission will create a product database to facilitate the monitoring of compliance by national authorities. Added to this is a desire to improve the representativeness of test standards in terms of the actual living conditions of the product, this text seems to provide an additional guarantee to consumers regarding the energy and environmental impact of products.

FOOD - BETWEEN CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND FOOD SECURITY

According to the CEO, nearly half of the scientists who sit on the European Food Safety Authority are in a financial conflict of interest with manufacturers that are regulated by the agency. It is a report dated 14 June 2017 by the Brussels-based non-governmental organization Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), a specialist in influence strategies in the European institutions. This NGO has analyzed the public statements of more than 200 scientists spread across the expert groups of the European agency. It should be noted that each is specialized in a specific area and must assess the safety of substances that may enter the food chain. And this NGO analyzed all the links of interests declared by the experts and concluded that 46% of them have a direct or indirect conflict of interest with the companies. The latest analysis conducted in 2013 by this OGN indicated a conflict of interest rate of 59%. A rate that has since declined slightly but is nevertheless unacceptable. It is then the balance between the health of the whole European population and money, that is, the private interest. The problem is the escape of fine dust escaping each time, the quantities too small to be able to Measure them. Even if the quantity is minimal, repeated millions of times out of 5 tons, it expects tens of kilograms.



JURISPRUDENCE

Judgment No. 15MA01780, Administrative Court of Appeal of Marseille, May 10, 2017
 On May 10, 2017, the Marseilles Administrative Court of Appeal confirmed the cancellation of the permit to build a 43731 m² subdivision which endangered a colony of rare European bee-eaters. It was by a judgment of March 2015 that the Administrative Court of Bastia had canceled the permit to develop. On appeal, the judges stated that "the land area of the project covering an area of 43 731 m² is included in a natural area of ecological, faunistic and floristic interest of type I Dune de Porticcio - Wetland of Prunelli-Gravona Due to the presence of plant and animal species, such as two kinds of orchids, *Serapias Parsiflora* and *Serapias Neglecta*, both protected ". They then state that the land in question is well inserted in a remarkable space which enjoys the protection provided for by the provisions of Article L. 146-6 of the Urban Planning Code, which requires in particular that "the extension of Urbanization must be carried out either in continuity with existing agglomerations and villages or in new hamlets integrated into the environment ". Henceforth classified as Remarkable and Characteristic Space (ERC) within the framework of the PADDUC; The PLU under discussion thus provides for its protection.

Judgment No. 16-11.98, Cass Civ. 2nd, 2nd March 2017,

In a judgment delivered by the Second Civil Division, the Court of Cassation had to rule on whether a person who has been discredited can commit an inexcusable fault within the meaning of the Law of 5 July 1985 and thus be deprived of Compensation for his bodily injury. For judges of the High Court, the appeal is dismissed because, on appeal, the trial judges held that the victim "was in a state of mental confusion or, at the very least, a momentary absence of discernment At the time of the accident, from which it had inferred that it had not committed inexcusable fault". The Court of Cassation, for example, has reversed its jurisprudence by stating that a person who is not even temporarily discernible can not commit a civil fault, contrary to earlier judgments where the discernment of a person was not taken into account in assessing his (Civil Section 2, 7 June 1989, No. 88-10.379).



ENERGY - THE ENERGY WAR

In the Russian project Nord Stream, the US Senate wants to punish the companies associated with this project. This can be called a "gas war" in central and eastern Europe, but less brutal than in 2009 between the Russians and Ukraine. Russia is hostile to the European Union (EU) seeking to expand its share of the country's brothers freeing themselves from the energetic tutelage of their powerful neighbor. And the EU is trying to create a gas market in the 27 member countries in order to reduce its energy dependence on Siberia. But a new actor appears: the United States. The US Senate voted almost unanimously Wednesday, June 14, new sanctions against Western companies associated with this gas pipeline project to export gas to Europe. And the project partners for the construction of the 9.5 billion euro project are in the spotlight: French Engie, Anglo-Dutch Shell, Austrian OMV and Germans Uniper and Wintershall (BASF).



ENVIRONMENT - HYUNDAI WINS MAAF ENVIRONMENT MAAF PRIZE



Created in 2005 by MAAF Assurance, the Auto Environment Awards have rewarded for more than a decade the vehicles and technological innovations most representative of the efforts made by car manufacturers and equipment manufacturers in their desire to preserve the environment. Are awarded by a jury of 13 French journalists and takes into account in the final deliberations a set of data related to the environment such as particle emissions according to the European emission standard, engine type, Nox and particulate matter As regards the vehicles winning the prize, MAAF Assurance grants its "Pure bonus car", ie a reduction of 100 euros on the first automobile insurance contribution. Among the winners, for the MAAF Grand Prix Environment, Hyundai has distinguished itself with the Hyundai IONIQ by offering three levels of electrification from the same body (100% electric, hybrid and rechargeable hybrid). The electric version offers more than 200 km of actual battery life thanks to its 28 kWh polymer lithium-ion battery. To be noted in the category "multi-purpose city", the victory of the new version of the Zoe (Renault) with an autonomy of about 300 kilometers in real urban use and peri-urban periurban.



BIODIVERSITY - OIL AND BIODIVERSITY

In France and six countries, activists from Greenpeace and ANV-COP21 acted Saturday to defend a coral reef barely discovered in the mouth of the Amazon. The company "Total" intends to drill off the Amazon, less than thirty kilometers from this famous reef, and that at the edge of the French territorial waters (Guyana), zone that they were prohibited from drilling. This drilling project has serious consequences for biodiversity over hundreds of kilometers. It should be noted that the mouth of the Amazon is a virgin area of any oil exploitation. Beyond Total, the petroleum company BP is also located on 625 km². The risk is that of a black pig, but also the acceleration of a global warming. This is quite paradoxical when Total says it wants to become major of the renewable energy. Indeed having such ambition is quite contradictory with this project of offshore oil extraction. Total then runs counter to the objectives set out in the Paris agreement. The French company says that its project will in no way endanger the reef. It presents the possible risks and the means that will be put in place to deal with accidents. Total initially counts, set up two wells between 1,900 and 2,400 meters deep, once granted Brazilian permits.