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31 July 2026, the Right to Repair becomes law in 27 States

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THEME: RULES

1 . Signal of the week

108 days remain until the most important deadline of 2026 for European remanufacturing. By **31 July 2026**, all 27 Member States must transpose the Right to Repair Directive (EU) 2024/1799, adopted on 13 June 2024. Germany is already preparing its transposition decree, which extends the legal warranty to **3 years** after a repair intervention. Manufacturers of Annex II goods -- smartphones, refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners -- will be required to repair at reasonable cost and within defined timeframes. For remanufacturing, the signal is clear: the repair obligation generates structural demand for remanufactured spare parts, certified components and technical expertise. Sources: Lewis Silkin (18 March 2026), Taylor Wessing (16 February 2026), European Commission.

2 . Beneath the surface

The Right to Repair Directive: what changes for remanufacturing

Directive (EU) 2024/1799 requires manufacturers to provide repair even beyond the legal warranty, at a reasonable price and within defined timeframes. Spare parts must remain available for a minimum of **5-10 years** after the end of production, depending on the product category. The crucial point for reman: the regulation explicitly prohibits practices that prevent independent repair -- software locks, exclusive component serialisation, restricted access to technical manuals. Germany, the first major market to act, has included in its national draft the extension of post-repair warranty to 3 years, creating a direct economic incentive for consumers who choose repair. If Italy adopts a similar approach, the impact on the remanufactured parts supply chain will be significant: more repairs means more demand for certified remanufactured components.

EU Circular Economy Act: the single market for secondary materials

The European Commission is preparing the Circular Economy Act (CEA), with a formal legislative proposal expected in **Q4 2026**. Impact assessments and stakeholder workshops are underway. The objective: to create a single market for secondary raw materials, with free movement of circular products between Member States. The Ellen MacArthur Foundation has described the CEA as a "critical opportunity" to consolidate the fragmented regulatory framework. For remanufacturing, the CEA could finally resolve the customs and fiscal barriers that currently penalise the cross-border movement of cores (used components destined for remanufacturing). Sources: Yahoo Finance/Packaging Gateway (9 April 2026), Circle Economy (14 January 2026), Ellen MacArthur Foundation (23 March 2026).

DPP Central Registry: traceability becomes operational on 19 July

The EU Digital Product Passport (DPP) Central Registry becomes operational on **19 July 2026** -- twelve days before the Right to Repair deadline. Harmonised technical standards are expected as early as April 2026. The first mandatory DPPs will cover batteries (2027), followed by textiles. For remanufacturing, the DPP is a strategic enabler: every product carrying a digital passport brings with it the material history, composition data and disassembly instructions. This drastically reduces core assessment costs and increases the predictability of the remanufacturing process. Sources: Sustainability Directory (29 March 2026), Tilkal (LinkedIn, 17 March 2026), Renoon (12 February 2026).

WEEE Directive revision (COM/2026/42): from Directive to Regulation

The revision of the WEEE Directive (2012/19/EU) is at an advanced stage: the mid-term review COM/2026/42 has been published, and the formal proposal is expected in **Q3 2026**. The most

significant development is the potential shift from a Directive to a directly applicable Regulation, which would eliminate divergences among the 27 national transpositions. The new targets foresee more ambitious critical raw material (CRM) recovery objectives and harmonised Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). For the remanufactured WEEE sector, a single Regulation would mean identical rules across the EU: same treatment standards, same reporting obligations, same market access. Sources: Certivo (2 March 2026), Valpak.

CEN/TC 473 and the standards landscape: over 300 new standards

Technical committee CEN/TC 473 is developing horizontal standards for the circular economy, with three active working groups: WG1 (information sharing), WG2 (circular business models) and WG3 (Extended Producer Responsibility). SIR actively participates in WG2 through the UNI/CT 057 delegation. In parallel, the standards landscape is expanding: over **300 new or revised EN/ISO standards** are being published in 2025-2026, including ISO 59020 (measuring circularity), EN 45555-45559 (repairability, durability, recyclability) and EN ISO 14068-1 (climate neutrality). The next CEN/TC 473 meeting is scheduled for **May 2026**. For Italian reman companies, participating in standards development is not a luxury -- it is a competitive necessity. Sources: CEN-CENELEC (19 December 2025), European Standards.

3 . From the network

Tilkal -- "DPP: next steps expected in 2026 and beyond"

[linkedin.com/posts/tilkal](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/tilkal)

Tilkal reconstructs the complete Digital Product Passport roadmap: from the central registry (July 2026) to the first mandatory DPPs for batteries (2027). A technical, well-documented post that confirms the centrality of the DPP for remanufactured product traceability.

Karina Bret -- "Repairability Index in 2026"

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Karina Bret analyses the evolution of the French repairability index, which in 2026 is partially replaced by a durability index for some product categories. At EU level, the mandatory repairability score has been active for smartphones and tablets since June 2025, with horizontal extension planned for H1 2027.

Circle Economy -- "5 EU policies that will define circularity in 2026"

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Circle Economy identifies the five European policies that will define circularity in 2026: Right to Repair, ESPR, DPP, Circular Economy Act and WEEE revision. A strategic map that coincides with the analysis in this bulletin.

4 . Our position

Note from the SIR President

2026 is no ordinary year for those who practice remanufacturing in Europe. It is the year the rules change -- all at once. By July, the Right to Repair will become national law in 27 countries. That same

month, the DPP Central Registry will be operational. In autumn, the Circular Economy Act proposal will arrive. And the WEEE revision will transform a fragmented Directive into a single Regulation. These are not isolated measures: this is an unprecedented regulatory convergence that reshapes market conditions for remanufactured components, certified spare parts and repair services.

SIR is at the heart of this process. We actively participate in the work of CEN/TC 473 Working Group 2 on circular business models, through the UNI/CT 057 delegation. We contribute to the definition of EN 45555-45559 standards on repairability and durability. And with over 300 new standards on the way, our role as a bridge between European regulation and Italian industry becomes more relevant every day.

The call to Italian remanufacturing companies is clear: do not wait until 31 July to discover what the Right to Repair requires. Study the directive, assess the impact on your supply chain, prepare your certification processes. Those who arrive prepared at the deadline will not suffer the regulation -- they will transform it into competitive advantage. SIR is here to guide you.

5 . Not to be missed

23 April 2026 -- Global Reman Day 2026: world remanufacturing day promoted by the Remanufacturing Industries Council (RIC). SIR joins with a dedicated initiative.

4-7 May 2026 -- IFAT Munich: international trade fair for environmental technologies, with a focus on circular economy and waste management.

19-21 May 2026 -- Waste Management Europe, Bologna: European exhibition on waste management and secondary raw materials.

30 May 2026 -- EuAReman 2026 (Palermo): abstract submission deadline for the 1st International Europe-Africa Remanufacturing Workshop.

1-3 June 2026 -- DPP4EU Conference: conference dedicated to the implementation of the Digital Product Passport in Europe.

29-30 June 2026 -- European Congress Circular Economy, Berlin: European congress on circular economy.

19 July 2026 -- EU DPP Central Registry becomes operational.

31 July 2026 -- Transposition deadline for the Right to Repair Directive (EU) 2024/1799 in all Member States.

7-9 October 2026 -- EuAReman 2026, Palermo (CNR-ICAR): first Europe-Africa workshop on industrial remanufacturing.

3-6 November 2026 -- Ecomondo 2026, Rimini: 29th edition of the international circular economy and ecological transition fair.

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