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**"A" items: (list: 14164/08 PTS A 48)**

When finally adopting the "A" items relating to legislative acts, the Council agreed to enter the following in these minutes:

**1. Council Decision on the granting of an emergency state aid by the authorities of Cyprus to mitigate the consequences of drought in 2007/2008 in the agricultural sector**

13656/08 AGRI 308 AGRIFIN 76  
+ COR 1 (hu)

The Council adopted the above decision with the Danish, Netherlands, Swedish and United Kingdom delegations abstaining. (Legal basis: third subparagraph of Article 88(2) of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

**11. Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 96/22/EC concerning the prohibition on the use in stockfarming of certain substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of beta-agonists (2007/0102 COD)**

PE-CONS 3667/08 AGRILEG 137 CODEC 989  
+ COR 1 (de)  
+ COR 2 (fi)  
+ COR 3 (da)  
+ COR 4 (hu)

The Council approved the amendment contained in the European Parliament's opinion and adopted the proposed act thus amended. (Legal basis: Article 152(4)(b) of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

**12. Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum level of training of seafarers (Recast) (2007/0219 COD)**

PE-CONS 3649/08 MAR 95 SOC 380 CODEC 876

+ REV 1 (mt)

+ REV 2 (ro)

+ REV 3 (bg)

The Council approved the amendments set out in the European Parliament's opinion, and adopted the proposed act thus amended. (Legal basis: Article 80(2) of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

**13. Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste (2005/0281COD)**

PE-CONS 3646/08 ENV 411 CODEC 871

+ COR 1 (fr)

+ REV 1 (pt)

+ REV 2 (da)

+ REV 3 (es)

+ REV 4 (fi)

The Council approved the European Parliament's amendments to the common position, with the Irish delegation abstaining. The above Directive was accordingly deemed to have been adopted in the form of the common position thus amended. (Legal basis: Article 175(1) of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

**1. Statement by the United Kingdom  
Collection and recycling of wastes**

"Recital 41 to the revised Waste Framework Directive recognises the diversity in collection and recycling systems for wastes in the different Member States, which reflect what is technically, environmentally and economically practicable in the local circumstances.

In implementing the requirements of Article 11 of the revised Directive on re-use and recycling, the United Kingdom intends to:

- apply to the totality of household waste the requirement to increase, by 2020, to a minimum of overall 50 % by weight, the preparing for re-use and the recycling of waste materials from households and, possibly, similar waste streams. The four waste streams specified in paragraph 2(a) of Article 11 (i.e. paper, metal, plastic and glass) would be included in that overall target where they originate from households but the 50 % target would not apply individually to each of the specified wastes; and
- encourage the separate collection of wastes where this is technically, environmentally and economically practicable, while allowing the co-mingled collection of paper, metal, plastic, glass and other recyclable materials for subsequent separation in material recycling facilities to continue after 2015 where this is the most effective means of increasing recycling rates in the local circumstances."

**14. Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy and amending Directive 2000/60/EC**

PE-CONS 3644/08 ENV 409 CODEC 869

+ COR 1

The Council approved the European Parliament's amendments to the common position. The above Directive was accordingly deemed to have been adopted in the form of the common position thus amended. (Legal basis: Article 175(1) of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

**15. Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards Article 6(2) placing batteries and accumulators on the market (Text with EEA relevance) (2008/0081 COD)**

PE-CONS 3664/08 ENV 441 ENT 171 CODEC 956

The Council approved the amendments set out in the European Parliament's opinion, and adopted the proposed act thus amended. (Legal basis: Article 95(1) of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

**16. Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on road infrastructure safety management (2006/0182 COD)**

PE-CONS 3652/08 TRANS 223 CODEC 885

+ REV 1 (sv)

The Council approved the amendments set out in the European Parliament's opinion, and adopted the proposed act thus amended. (Legal basis: Article 71(1)(c) of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

**17. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on farm structure surveys and the survey on agricultural production methods and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 571/88**

PE-CONS 3642/08 STATIS 73 AGRI 154 CODEC 655

+ COR 1 (el)

+ COR 2 (pt)

The Council approved the amendment contained in the European Parliament's opinion and adopted the proposed act thus amended. (Legal basis: Article 285(1) of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

2. **Commission Statement**

**concerning the term "quality" used in Article 4**

"Article 4 of the proposal requires that Member States obtain information from the Integrated Administration and Control System, the System for the Identification and Registration of Bovine Animals and from the Organic Farming Register, provided the information obtained is of at least equal quality to that obtained from statistical surveys. Article 4 also states that other administrative data sources may be used, if the Commission is informed in advance and if details of the quality of the administrative source are provided.

In the context of Article 4, the data obtained from an administrative source are deemed to be of an acceptable quality if the definitions on which they are based are consistent with the provisions of Article 7 and if they provide representative results. Specific methodological information, relating to the quality of any administrative sources used, should be provided in the National Methodological Reports, which Member States submit to the Commission at the end of each survey."

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