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# The quality protocol for the production of processed cullet from waste flat glass

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# Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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## 4. Notification Number

2008/0324/UK - S20E

#### 5. Title

The quality protocol for the production of processed cullet from waste flat glass

#### 6. Products Concerned

Processed cullet

### 7. Notification Under Another Act

Not applicable

#### 8. Main Content

The flat glass quality protocol has three main purposes: – (1) to provide greater certainty of the point at which processed cullet has undergone a complete recovery operation, has been fully recovered and has ceased to be waste within the meaning of Article 1(1)(a) of the Waste Framework Directive (2006/12/EC); (2) to provide users with confidence that the processed cullet they purchase conforms with an approved standard; and (3) to protect human health and the environment by setting standards for the production and use of processed cullet in specified end uses and describing acceptable good practice for its use. Processed cullet will be regarded as having been fully recovered and ceased to be waste, and therefore no longer subject to waste management controls, only when a) it is produced using those input materials specified in Section 2.2.3 of the protocol, b) it meets the requirements of an approved standard specified in Section 2.2.4 of the protocol, and c) it is destined for appropriate use in one of the designated market sectors listed in Appendix B of the protocol. Producers must demonstrate that these criteria have been met by producing and keeping copies of the customer supply documentation which includes a declaration of conformance with the protocol. Where these conditions are met, the processed cullet will be regarded as having ceased to be waste when despatched to the customer.

# 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Waste Framework Directive requires Member States to encourage the use of waste as a resource and the Landfill Directive (Directive 1999/31/EC) sets stringent targets to reduce the amount of municipal waste that is disposed of by landfilling. The interpretation of EU legislation is ultimately a matter for the European Court of Justice (ECJ) and there is now a substantial body of case law on the interpretation of the definition of waste in Article 1(1)(a) of the Waste Framework Directive. Subject to ECJ case law, it rests with Member States' competent authorities to determine on a case-by-case basis when substances or objects are discarded and become waste, and when waste has been fully recovered and ceases to be waste. Based on the principles set by the ECJ in case law, the flat glass Quality Protocol seeks to identify with greater certainty the point at which processed cullet has been fully recovered and ceases to be waste. In so doing, the flat glass Quality Protocol's objective is to provide greater certainty for both establishments or undertakings producing processed cullet under the terms of a permit issued by the competent authority under Article 10 of the Waste Framework Directive, or a permit exemption registered under Article 11 of the Directive, and to users of processed cullet produced by such waste recovery operations. The greater certainty provided by the flat glass Quality Protocol will fulfil not only the objectives of the Waste Framework Directive by making more effective use of waste as a resource, but also those of the Landfill Directive by reducing the amount of waste disposed of by landfilling.

# 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) Specification for flat glass cullet waste used in flat glass manufacture Collection of flat glass for use in flat glass manufacture

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No
12. Grounds for the Emergency -
13. Confidentiality No
14. Fiscal measures No
15. Impact assessment The impact assessment is attached.
16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT Aspect No The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.  SPS Aspect No The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.
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