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Quality Protocol: End of waste criteria for the production and use of recycled gypsum from waste plasterboard

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1. Structured Information Line

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Quality Protocol: End of waste criteria for the production and use of recycled gypsum from waste plasterboard

6. Products Concerned

Recycled gypsum recovered from the processing of waste plasterboard.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The end-of-waste criteria for the production and use of recycled gypsum from waste plasterboard has three main purposes:- (1) to clarify the point at which gypsum recovered from the processing of waste plaster board 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 gypsum recovered from waste plasterboard they purchase conforms to an approved standard; and (3) to protect human health and the environment (including soil) by describing acceptable good practice for the use of gypsum recovered from waste plasterboard as a raw material in the manufacture of new gypsum-based products, e.g. plasterboard and coving; as a soil treatment agent for agricultural benefit; and as a raw material in the manufacture of cement.

Recycled gypsum recovered from waste plasterboard will be regarded as having been fully recovered and ceased to be waste, and therefore no longer subject to waste management controls when dispatched to the customer, provided that a) it is produced using only waste plasterboard as defined in paragraph 3.12 of Publicly Available Specification (PAS) 109:2008, b) it meets the requirements of an approved standard, and c) it is destined for appropriate use in one of the designated market sectors. Producers must demonstrate that these criteria have been met by either obtaining certification from an approved certification body or producing and keeping copies of the customer supply documentation which includes a declaration that the gypsum recovered from waste plasterboard meets both the approved standard and the end of waste criteria.

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 199/31/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 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 case law, the quality protocol for end of waste criteria for the production and use of recycled gypsum from waste plasterboard seeks to identify with greater certainty at the point at which waste gypsum had been fully recovered and ceases to be waste. In doing so, the quality protocol for end of waste criteria's objective is to provide greater certainty for both establishments and undertakings producing recycled waste gypsum under the terms of a permit issued by 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 recycled

gypsum from waste plasterboard produced by such waste recovery operations. The greater certainty provided by the quality protocol for end of waste criteria for the production and use of recycled gypsum from waste plasterboard 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

e) No basic texts.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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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 Aof the SPS Agreement.

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