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## End of waste criteria for the production and use of recycled gypsum from waste plasterboard (first review)

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### Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμία 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 késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika 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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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 4. Notification Number

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#### 5. Title

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#### 6. Products Concerned

This Quality Protocol applies to the use of recycled gypsum in the following market sectors:

- as a raw material in the manufacture of new gypsum-based construction products, e.g. plasterboard and coving;
- as a soil treatment agent in commercial agriculture; and
- as a raw material in the manufacture of cement.

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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#### 8. Main Content

The Quality Protocol has four main purposes:

- i. clarifying the point at which waste management controls are no longer required;
- ii. providing users with confidence that the gypsum they purchase conforms to an approved industry standard;
- iii. providing users with confidence that the gypsum is suitable for use in designated market sector(s) including by conforming with the industry standard; and
- iv. protecting human health and the environment (including soil).

In addition, the Quality Protocol describes acceptable good practice for the transportation, storage and use of recycled gypsum.

##### Complying with the Quality Protocol

Gypsum will normally be regarded as having ceased to be waste, and therefore no longer subject to waste management controls, provided it:

- requires no further processing for the use it is destined for, that is it meets the requirements of the industry standard including controls on inputs and any additional specification specified by the customer;
- is destined for use in one of the designated market sectors (as a raw material in the manufacture of new gypsum-based construction products; as a soil treatment agent in commercial agriculture; and as a raw material in the manufacture of cement); and
- where the recycled gypsum will be used as a soil treatment agent for agricultural benefit, has been processed in accordance with the environmental standard (i.e. BSI PAS 109 - a specification that can be adopted by recyclers for producing defined grades of recycled gypsum from waste plasterboard).

In order to meet with this standard recycled gypsum should:

- be sampled in accordance with the requirements of the latest version of PAS 109;
- be analysed for the metal suite specified in the standard (table C1) which is based on the following criteria:
  - i. processors accepting clean material e.g. offcuts, production waste etc. should analyse the material every 1,000 tonnes or once per annum whichever is sooner; and
  - ii. processors accepting other material such as demolition waste, mixtures of demolition waste and clean



material etc. should analyse the material either every 1,000 tonnes or once per 3 months whichever is sooner; and

- not exceed the maximum metal and metalloid values set out in this standard.

Producers must be able to demonstrate compliance with all the requirements of this Quality Protocol. Additionally records must be kept of all incoming wastes which are accepted for the purpose of producing recycled gypsum. Producers should also retain records of all inspection and testing carried out.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The main changes to the QP arising from this review are:

- The environmental standard has been revised, based on the results of the wider sampling;
- The environmental standard will only apply to use of recycled gypsum as a soil treatment agent, as it is not considered relevant to the other uses covered by the QP;
- The environmental standard will no longer set thresholds for magnesium, potassium, or sulphur. The QP contains a section on good practice which addresses nutrient analysis; and
- The requirement that users of recycled gypsum as a soil treatment agent maintain records of where the material has been spread has been removed.

The environmental standard (PAS 109) required to comply with this End of Waste standard for Gypsum is also under review. The review is nearing completion and is anticipated that a revised document will be published spring/summer 2013.

### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: HH GQRA Appendices

### 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

Yes

### 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade



SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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