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Order establishing criteria for the declassification as waste of shredded wood from packaging for use as biomass fuel in combustion plants.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Order establishing criteria for the declassification as waste of shredded wood from packaging for use as biomass fuel in combustion plants.

6. Products Concerned

Shredded wood from packaging

7. Notification Under Another Act

- Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives

8. Main Content

This Order defines the criteria by which waste wood from packaging that has already been subject to a recycling procedure involving sorting and shredding, and that meets the other criteria imposed by the Order, may cease to be waste in order to be used as an additional fuel in all types of combustion plant. Wood from packaging may take the form of plain pallets, painted or unpainted, pallet boxes and other wooden load boards, cases, boxes, crates, cylinders and similar wooden packaging, or wooden drums.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This Order enables shredding centres to release shredded wood from packaging on a voluntary basis, for use as fuel in a combustion plant, subject to certain checks, particularly to ensure that there is no wood present other than that from packaging and that this latter is not soiled. This helps to promote the development of the wood-fired energy sector and therefore renewable energies, a community objective, and also avoids increased controls on combustion plants, meaning substantial savings, especially for micro-enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) using these fuels.

Wood-fired energy is the number one renewable energy in France, representing 45% of primary renewable energy production in 2012, i.e. 10 million tonnes of oil equivalent (TOE). The European target for France is 23% REN by 2020 (14% in 2011). The share represented by wood-fired energy is significant, with a biomass heat production target of 15 MTOE in 2020 (8.87 MTOE in 2011).

The 640 000 tonnes of wood from end-of-life packaging produced annually in France represent 200,000 TOE. This is clean wood defined as biomass waste, covered by (b)(v) of the definition of biomass given in point 31 of Article 3 of Directive 2010/75/EU of 24/11/10 on industrial emissions. Consequently, and in accordance with Article 42-2 of the same Directive, this waste may be burned in the combustion plants covered by Chapter III, but not in the incineration plants covered by Chapter IV of the Directive.

In this context, the declassification of wood from packaging as waste will ensure the sustainability of the sector and maintain its attractiveness by clarifying its status, the main objective of the waste declassification procedure



as set out under Article 6 of Directive 2008/98/EC on waste.

In order to guarantee that only clean pallet wood may be declassified as waste, criteria and thresholds have been established for different chemical substances indicative of the presence of glues, varnishes, paints and potential pollutants under this Order. These thresholds have been set mainly on the basis of studies conducted on natural wood, thereby guaranteeing that the combustion of this wood from packaging will have no more impact on the environment or on human health than the combustion of natural wood.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References to basic texts: • Ordinance of 17 December 2010 laying down various provisions transposing European Union law in the field of waste;

- Decree no. 2012-602 of 30 April 2012 on the waste declassification procedure;
- Order of 29 February 2012 setting the content of the registers mentioned in Articles R. 541-43 and R. 541-46 of the Environmental Code;
- Order of 3 October 2012 on the content of the waste declassification application file.

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

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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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