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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 October 2002 laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption[(1)], as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 808/2003[(2)], and in particular Article 32(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 provides for a complete revision of Community rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption, including the introduction of a number of strict requirements. In addition, it provides that appropriate transitional measures may be adopted.

(2) In view of the strict nature of those requirements, it is necessary to provide for transitional measures for the Member States in order to allow industry sufficient time to adjust. In addition, alternative collection, transport, storage, handling, processing and uses for animal by-products need to be further developed as well as disposal methods for those by-products.

(3) Accordingly, as a temporary measure a derogation should be granted to enable the Member States to authorise operators to continue to apply national rules for the processing standards for Category 3 materials and manure used in biogas plants.

(4) In order to prevent a risk to animal and public health appropriate control systems should be maintained in the Member States for the period of the transitional measures.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 810/2003. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

Derogation regarding the processing of Category 3 material and manure in biogas plants

1 Pursuant to Article 32(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 and by way of derogation from Chapter II(A), (C) and (D) of Annex VI to that Regulation, the Member States may continue to grant individual approvals until **[**F1 30 June 2008**]** at the latest to operators of premises and facilities in conformity with national rules to apply such rules, for the processing of Category 3 material or Category 3 material and manure used in biogas plants, provided that the national rules:

a guarantee the overall reduction of pathogens;

b are only applied in premises and facilities that applied those rules on 1 November 2002; and

c comply with the requirements set out in Chapter II(B) of Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002.

2 Biogas plants must be equipped with:

a installations for monitoring temperature against time;

b recording devices to record continuously the results of these measurements;

c an adequate safety system to prevent insufficient heating; and

d adequate facilities for the cleaning and disinfecting vehicles and containers upon leaving the biogas plant.

3 Each biogas plant must have its own laboratory or make use of an external laboratory. The laboratory must be equipped to carry out the necessary analyses and approved by the competent authority.

Textual Amendments

F1 Substituted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 185/2007 of 20 February 2007 amending Regulations (EC) No 809/2003 and (EC) No 810/2003 as regards extension of the validity of the transitional measures for composting and biogas plants under Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Text with EEA relevance).

Article 2

Control measures

The competent authority shall take the necessary measures to control compliance by authorised operators of premises and facilities with the conditions set out in Article 1.

Article 3

Withdrawal of approvals and disposal of material not complying with this Regulation

1 Individual approvals by the competent authority for the processing standards for Category 3 materials or Category 3 material and manure used in biogas plants shall be immediately and permanently withdrawn in respect of any operator, premises or facilities if the conditions set out in this Regulation are no longer fulfilled.