

COMMISSION DECISION
of 15 June 2000
modifying Decision 98/94/EC establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the Community
eco-label to tissue paper products

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/413/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 of 23 March 1992 on a Community eco-label award scheme ⁽¹⁾ and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 5(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The first subparagraph of Article 5(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 provides that the conditions for the award of the Community eco-label shall be defined by product group.
- (2) Article 10(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 states that the environmental performance of a product shall be assessed by reference to the specific criteria for product groups.
- (3) By Decision 98/94/EC ⁽²⁾, the Commission established ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label to tissue paper products, which, according to Article 3 thereof, expire on 31 December 2000.
- (4) Several awards for the use of the Community eco-label have been made for this product group.
- (5) It is appropriate to prolong the period of validity of the definition of the product group and the ecological criteria without change, for a period of one year, in order to allow for the finalisation of the revision of the product group.

(6) In accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 the Commission has consulted the principal interest groups within a consultation forum.

(7) The measures set out in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee set up under Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 3 of Decision 98/94/EC shall be replaced by the following text:

'Article 3

The product group definition and the criteria for the product group shall be valid from 1 January 1998 until 31 December 2001'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 June 2000.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 99, 11.4.1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 19, 24.1.1998, p. 77.