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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 January 2001

establishing two reference methods of measurement for PCBs pursuant to Article 10(a) of Council Directive 96/59/EC on the disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls and polychlorinated terphenyls (PCBs/PCTs)

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(2001/68/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 96/59/EC of 16 September 1996 on the disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls and polychlorinated terphenyls (PCBs/PCTs ⁽¹⁾), and in particular Article 10(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission, by virtue of Article 10(a) of the Directive 96/59/EC has the obligation to fix the reference methods for measurement to determine the PCB content of contaminated materials.
- (2) For the time being it is possible to establish a reference method for the determination of PCBs in petroleum products and used oils as well as a reference measurement method for the determination of PCBs in insulating fluids.
- (3) The measures envisaged by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion expressed by the Committee established by Article 18 of Council Directive 75/442/EEC ⁽²⁾,

Article 1

European standards EN 12766-1 and prEN 12766-2 and subsequently upgraded versions shall be applied as the reference method for the determination of PCBs in petroleum products and used oils.

Article 2

European standard IEC 61619 and subsequently upgraded versions shall be applied as the reference method for the determination of PCBs in insulating liquids.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the 30th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 January 2001.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 243, 24.9.1996, p. 31.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 78, 26.3.1991, p. 32.