4.9. Livestock manure is defined, under Article 12, as a Category 2 material, and is therefore to be disposed of and used in accordance with the rules set out under Article 20. It should, however, be made clear that livestock manure which is used for energy purposes other than in biogas installations should not be treated as waste, but instead be incinerated in approved or registered incineration plants.

Brussels, 22 October 2008.

The President of the European Economic and Social Committee Mario SEPI

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer (Recast)

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On 30 September 2008 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer (Recast)

Since the Committee unreservedly endorses the contents of the proposal and has already set out its views on the subject in its earlier opinion, adopted on 2 December 1998 (*), it decided, at its 448th plenary session, held on 21, 22 and 23 October 2008 (meeting of 22 October), by 119 votes with 1 abstention, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposal and to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned documents.

Brussels, 22 October 2008.

The President

of the European Economic and Social Committee

Mario SEPI

^(*) Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee on the Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) on substances that deplete the ozone layer (OJ C 40 of 15.2.1999, p. 34).