

COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 March 2013

amending Decisions 2007/506/EC and 2007/742/EC in order to prolong the validity of the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel to certain products

(notified under document C(2013) 1411)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2013/135/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the EU Ecolabel ⁽¹⁾, and in particular point (c) of Article 8(3) thereof,

After consulting the European Union Eco-Labeling Board,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2007/506/EC of 21 June 2007 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label to soaps, shampoos and hair conditioners ⁽²⁾ expires on 31 March 2013.
- (2) Commission Decision 2007/742/EC of 9 November 2007 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label to electrically driven, gas driven or gas absorption heat pumps ⁽³⁾ expires on 31 March 2013.
- (3) An assessment has been carried out to evaluate the relevance and appropriateness of the current ecological criteria, as well as of the related assessment and verification requirements, established by those Decisions. Given the different stages of the revision process for those Decisions, it is appropriate to prolong the periods of validity of the ecological criteria and the related assessment and verification requirements which they set out. The period of validity of the ecological criteria and the related assessment and verification requirements set out in Decisions 2007/506/EC and 2007/742/EC should be prolonged until 31 December 2013.
- (4) Decisions 2007/506/EC and 2007/742/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee set up by Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 66/2010,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 4 of Decision 2007/506/EC is replaced by the following:

'Article 4

The ecological criteria for the product group "soaps, shampoos and hair-conditioners" as well as the related assessment and verification requirements shall be valid until 31 December 2013'.

Article 2

Article 4 of Decision 2007/742/EC is replaced by the following:

'Article 4

The ecological criteria for the product group "electrically driven, gas driven or gas absorption heat pumps", as well as the related assessment and verification requirements, shall be valid until 31 December 2013'.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 March 2013.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 27, 30.1.2010, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 186, 18.7.2007, p. 36.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 301, 20.11.2007, p. 14.