

SCHEDULE 1

ACTIVITIES EXEMPT FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENSING

51.—(1) The anaerobic digestion of biodegradable waste which is agricultural waste or waste from a distillery.

(2) In this paragraph, “anaerobic digestion” means the process of controlled decomposition of waste under managed conditions—

- (a) where free oxygen is absent;
- (b) at temperatures suitable for naturally occurring mesophilic or thermophilic anaerobe and facultative anaerobe bacteria species; and
- (c) where the inputs to the process are converted to a methane rich biogas for use in an energy recovery process and to a stable sanitised material, the application of which material to land results in benefit to agriculture or horticulture or ecological improvement.