# **COMMISSION**

# **COMMISSION DECISION**

of 17 November 2000

# concerning a questionnaire for Member States reports on the implementation of Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste

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(2000/738/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 1999/31/EC of 26 April 1999 on the landfill of waste (1), in particular Article 15,

## Whereas:

- (1) Article 15 of Directive 1999/31/EC requires Member States to send to the Commission a report on the implementation of this Directive.
- (2) This report shall be drawn up on the basis of a questionnaire or outline drafted by the Commission in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6 of Council Directive 91/692/EEC (2).
- (3) The first report will cover the period from 16 July 2001 to 2003.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee estab-

lished in accordance with Article 6 of Directive 91/692/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The questionnaire in the Annex is hereby adopted.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission Margot WALLSTRÖM Member of the Commission

#### ANNEX

## **QUESTIONNAIRE**

for the report of the Member States on the transposition and implementation of Directive 99/31/EC on the landfill of waste

There is no need to repeat information already supplied, but please indicate where and when that information was provided.

### I. Transposition into national law

- 1. What are the current laws and regulations in force to transpose the Directive into national law? For those Member States where regional entities have responsibilities in making provisions on landfills, these provisions also need to be sent. Please indicate precisely where each provision of the Directive has been transposed.
- Give general information on the use of collected landfill gas to produce energy including the measures to minimise damage to or deterioration of the environment and risk to human health through collection, treatment and use of landfill gas.
- 3. Give a general description of the measures provided to minimise nuisances and hazards pursuant to Annex I, Section 5?
- 4. Have lists or criteria been set for waste to be accepted or refused at each landfill class? If yes, have these lists or criteria as well as the limit values and analysis methods been sent to the Commission?
- 5. Supply information on the collection method for meteorological data as referred to in Annex III, Section 2.
- 6. Give a short description of the general system for the monitoring of leachate, surface water and potential gas emissions and atmospheric pressure as referred to in Annex III, Section 3.
- 7. Give general information on landfill sites for which the measurement of volume and composition of surface water provided in Annex II, Section 3 was deemed not to be required.

# II. Implementation of the Directive

1. Have the Member States made use of the option provided in Article 3(3) (non-hazardous waste other than inert waste from prospecting and extraction, treatment and storage of mineral resources as well as from the operation of quarries)?

If yes, please give details of these exemptions.

2. Have the Member States made use of the option provided in Article 3(4) (islands and isolated settlements)?

If yes, please give details of these exemptions, including information on the quantities and, where possible, the types of waste going to such exempted sites.

3. Have the Member States made use of the option provided in Article 3(5) (underground storage)?

If yes, please give details on the storage facilities, the exemptions and information on the quantities and, where possible, the types of waste going to such exempted sites.

4. (a) Has the national strategy for the reduction of biodegradable waste going to landfills pursuant to Article 5(1) been developed and notified to the Commission?

If no, please state the reasons why.

- (b) Give an indication of which wastes are classified at national level as biodegradable waste and which wastes as biodegradable municipal waste.
- (c) Indicate the experiences made with the practical application of the strategy.
- (d) Indicate the amount of biodegradable municipal waste (in tonnes, if possible broken down in waste streams) produced in 1995 (respectively the latest year before 1995 for which standardised Eurostat data is available).
- (e) Indicate the amount of biodegradable municipal waste and other biodegradable waste (both in tonnes, if possible broken down in waste streams) going to landfills for each year of the reporting period.
- (f) Which adaptations of the strategy are envisaged?

5. Indicate the number of existing landfills:

|  | Landfill for<br>hazardous waste | Landfill for non-<br>hazardous waste | Landfill for inert waste | Others (*) |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Total number of existing landfills                                 |                                 |                                      |                          |            |
| Number of these landfills complying with the directive             |                                 |                                      |                          |            |
| Number of landfills closed (no more depositing) since 16 July 2001 |                                 |                                      |                          |            |
| Number of landfills re-equipped                                    |                                 |                                      |                          |            |
| Rest capacity (tonnes)   |                                 |                                      |                          |            |

<sup>(\*)</sup> where necessary, until the end of the transitional period; specify the type of landfill

- 6. What measures have been taken to ensure that the provisions of Article 10 concerning the costs of landfilling are met?
- 7. Give a general description of the measures provided to avoid adverse environmental effects of the closed landfills pursuant to Article 13?
- 8. Give a short description of the planning procedure for landfills with regard to Annex I, Section 1 (location of the landfill).
- 9. Give a general description of the technical measures provided to ensure that the requirements of Annex I, Section 2 (water control and leachate management) are met.
- 10. Have general or specific requirements as set out in Annex I been provided for inert waste landfills?
- 11. Have the requirements set out in Annex I, paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 been reduced for certain landfills? If yes, give general information on these landfills.