

ANNEX V

TRANSFORMATION OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS INTO BIOGAS, COMPOSTING

CHAPTER I

REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO PLANTS

Section 2

Composting plants

1. A composting plant must be equipped with a closed composting reactor or closed area, which cannot be by-passed for the animal by-products or derived products introduced into the plant, and it must be equipped with the following:
 - (a) installations for monitoring temperature against time;
 - (b) recording devices to record, where appropriate continuously, the results of the monitoring measurements referred to in point (a);
 - (c) an adequate safety system to prevent insufficient heating.
2. By way of derogation from point 1, other types of composting systems may be allowed provided they:
 - (a) are managed in such a way that all the material in the system achieves the required time and temperature parameters, including, where appropriate, continuous monitoring of the parameters; or
 - (b) transform only materials referred to in point 2 of Section 1; and
 - (c) comply with all other relevant requirements of this Regulation.
3. If the composting plant is located on or next to premises where farmed animals are kept and the composting plant does not only use manure, milk or colostrum which accrues from those animals, the composting plant shall be located at a distance from the area where animals are kept.

That distance shall be determined in a manner which ensures that there is no unacceptable risk for the transmission of a disease communicable to humans or animals from the composting plant.

In all cases, there must be total physical separation between that composting plant and the animals and their feed and bedding, with fencing where necessary.

4. Each composting plant must have its own laboratory or make use of an external laboratory. The laboratory must be equipped to carry out necessary analyses and be approved by the competent authority, be accredited according to internationally recognised standards or be subject to regular controls by the competent authority.