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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 Ecolabel¹, and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

After consulting the European Union Eco-labelling Board,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010, the EU Ecolabel may be awarded to services which have a reduced environmental impact during their entire life cycle.
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 provides that specific EU Ecolabel criteria are to be established for each product group.
- (3) Commission Decision 2009/564/EC² and Commission Decision 2009/578/EC³ have established the ecological criteria and the related assessment and verification requirements for campsite service and tourist accommodation service, respectively, which are valid until 31 December 2016.
- (4) For the purpose of better reflecting the common features of campsite services and tourist accommodation services and in order to achieve synergies from a joint approach for these product groups and to ensure maximum efficiency in the administration of the criteria, it is considered appropriate to merge both product groups into one product group named “tourist accommodation”.
- (5) The revised criteria aim at promoting the use of renewable energy sources, to save energy and water, to reduce waste and to improve the local environment. The revised criteria, along with the related assessment and verification requirements should be valid for five years from the date of notification of this Decision, taking into account the innovation cycle for this product group.

¹ OJ L 27, 30.1.2010, p. 1.

² Commission Decision 2009/564/EC of 9 July 2009 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label for campsite service (OJ L 196, 28.7.2009, p. 36).

³ Commission Decision 2009/578/EC of 9 July 2009 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label for tourist accommodation service (OJ L 198, 30.7.2009, p. 57).

- (6) A code corresponding to the product group is an integral part of the EU Ecolabel registration numbers. In order for the competent bodies to be able to assign an EU Ecolabel registration number to tourist accommodations complying with the EU Ecolabel criteria, it is necessary to assign a code number to that product group.
- (7) Decisions 2009/564/EC and 2009/578/EC should therefore be repealed.
- (8) It is appropriate to allow a transitional period for applicants whose tourist accommodation services or campsite services have been awarded the EU Ecolabel for campsite services and tourist accommodation services on the basis of the criteria set out in Decisions 2009/564/EC and 2009/578/EC, respectively, so that they have sufficient time to adapt their product to comply with the revised criteria requirements. Applicants should also be allowed to submit applications based on the ecological criteria set out in 2009/564/EC and 2009/578/EC for a sufficient period of time.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 66/2010,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

- 1. The product group 'tourist accommodation' shall comprise the provision of tourist accommodation services and campsite services and any of the following auxiliary services under the management of the tourist accommodation provider:
 - (1) food services;
 - (2) leisure or fitness facilities;
 - (3) green areas;
 - (4) premises for singular events such as business conferences, meetings or training events;
 - (5) sanitary facilities, washing and cooking facilities, shops, grocery stores or information facilities available to campsite tourists, travellers and lodgers for collective use.
- 2. Transportation services and pleasure voyages are excluded from the product group "tourist accommodation".

Article 2

For the purpose of this Decision, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) 'tourist accommodation services' means the provision, for a fee, of sheltered overnight accommodation in rooms, including at least a bed, and of private or shared sanitary facilities, offered to tourists, travellers and lodgers;

- (2) 'campsite services' means the provision, for a fee, of pitches equipped for any of the following structures: tents, caravans, mobile homes, camper vans, bungalows and apartments, and of private or shared sanitary facilities, offered to tourists, travellers and lodgers;
- (3) 'food services' means the provision of breakfast or other meals;
- (4) 'leisure or fitness facilities' means saunas, swimming pools, sport facilities and wellness centre accessible to guests or non-residents or both;
- (5) 'green areas' means parks, gardens or other outside areas which are open to tourists, travellers and lodgers.

Article 3

- 1. In order to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010, a tourist accommodation shall fall within the product group 'tourist accommodation' as defined in Article 1 of this decision and shall fulfil all of the following requirements as well as the related assessment requirements set out in the Annex to this Decision:
 - (a) it shall comply with each of the criteria set out in Section A of the Annex to this Decision;
 - (b) it shall comply with a sufficient number of the criteria set out in Section B of the Annex to this Decision in order to acquire the number of points required in accordance with Articles 4 and 5.

Article 4

- 1. For the purposes of Article 3(b), the tourist accommodation service shall acquire at least 20 points.
- 2. The minimum amount of points required in accordance with paragraph 1 shall be increased by the following:
 - (a) 3 points where food services are provided by the management or owner of the tourist accommodation service;
 - (b) 3 points where green areas are made available to guests by the management or owner of the tourist accommodation service;
 - (c) 3 points where leisure or fitness facilities are offered by the management or owner of the tourist accommodation service or 5 points if those leisure or fitness facilities consist in a wellness centre accessible to non-residents.

Article 5

- 1. For the purposes of Article 3(b), the campsite service shall acquire at least 20 points or, where collective services are provided, 24 points.

2. The minimum requirement laid down in paragraph 1 shall be increased by the following:
- (a) 3 points where food services are provided by the management or owner of the campsite service;
 - (b) 3 points where green areas are made available to guests by the management or owner of the campsite service;
 - (c) 3 points where leisure or fitness facilities are offered by the management or owner of the campsite service or 5 points if those leisure or fitness facilities consist in a wellness centre accessible to non-residents.

Article 6

The EU Ecolabel criteria for the product group 'tourist accommodation' and the related assessment and verification requirements shall be valid for five years from the date of notification of this Decision.

Article 7

For administrative purposes the code number assigned to the product group 'tourist accommodation' shall be 'XXX'.

Article 8

Decisions 2009/564/EC and 2009/578/EC are repealed.

Article 9

By derogation from Article 8, applications for the EU Ecolabel for products falling within the product groups 'tourist accommodation service' or 'campsite service' submitted within two months from the date of notification of this Decision may be submitted in accordance with the criteria set out in Decision 2009/578/EC or Decision 2009/564/EC or on the criteria set out in this Decision.

EU Ecolabel licences awarded in accordance with the criteria set out in Decision 2009/564/EC or Decision 2009/578/EC may be used for 18 months from the date of notification of this Decision.

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission