

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 June 2010

## on the use of controlled substances as process agents under Article 8(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council

(notified under document C(2010) 3847)

(Only the Dutch, French, German, Italian, Polish and Portuguese texts are authentic)

(2010/372/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 8(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The use of ozone depleting substances as process agents is one of the few remaining emissive uses still allowed under Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009. The emission of ozone depleting substances causes potentially significant damage to the ozone layer. It is therefore necessary to ensure that the emissions resulting from process agent uses of ozone depleting substances remain insignificant.
- (2) Furthermore, in view of the responsibilities of the Union under Decision X/14 of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Article 8(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 limits the use of controlled substances as process agents to 1 083 metric tonnes per year and limits the emissions from process agent uses to 17 metric tonnes per year.
- (3) An unexpected increase in the use of controlled substances as process agents in recent years has threatened the compliance of the Union with Decision X/14 and has made a stricter management of the uses necessary.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 a list of undertakings for which the use of controlled substances as process agents shall be permitted should be established, laying down maximum quantities that may be used for make-up and emitted for each of the undertakings concerned.

(5) The list of undertakings and associated quantities of substances should be based upon reports submitted by Member States and adjusted to ensure that the Union stays within the limits laid down in Article 8(4). The allocation of the make-up quota should be based on the average needs in the years 2005 to 2008. The calculation of the individual average demand should not consider years during which the respective undertaking did not use controlled substances as process agent. The thresholds are fixed at 124 % of the individual average in order to accommodate fluctuations of the yearly demand, whilst ensuring that the overall limit for the Union is respected.

(6) It is appropriate to allow for the transfer of quota between undertakings listed in the Annex to increase the flexibility for undertakings to respond to changing market needs. The quota should, however, cease with the decommissioning of the installation for which it was granted. The undertaking should therefore notify the decommissioning of installations concerned to the Commission and the Member State concerned.

(7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 25(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1***Definitions**

1. 'Make-up' means the total quantity of a controlled substance in metric tonnes, whether virgin, recovered or reclaimed, that has not been used in the process cycle before and that is fed newly into the process cycle.

2. 'Emission' means the total quantity of a controlled substance in metric tonnes released into the atmosphere, water or soil during the process agent use and related storage and handling on the site of the installation.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 286, 31.10.2009, p. 1.

*Article 2***Permitted process agent uses and threshold for emissions and quantities**

1. The Annex to this Decision establishes the list of undertakings for which the use of controlled substance as process agents shall be permitted as of 1 January 2010.
2. Each undertaking shall only use the substance and the process set out in the Annex.
3. The quantities, set out in the Annex, that may be used annually as make-up and that may be emitted annually by each undertaking shall not be exceeded. The allocated quota shall lose its validity at the end of the year in which the installation for which the quota was granted is definitely decommissioned.

*Article 3***Transfer of allocated quota**

An undertaking may fully or partially transfer its make-up quota allocated for an existing installation outlined in the Annex, regardless of the substance or use the quantity was allocated for, to another undertaking listed in the Annex. The beneficiary may use the quantity transferred for the substance and use allocated to the beneficiary in the Annex. The transfer shall only take effect after its notification to the Commission and the competent authorities of the Member States concerned and confirmation from the Commission of its receipt.

*Article 4***Notification of decommissioning**

In case of decommissioning of the installations concerned, undertakings listed in the Annex shall, within three months, notify the Commission and the competent authority of the Member State in which the installation was located thereof.

*Article 5***Date of application**

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2010.

*Article 6*

This Decision is addressed to the following undertakings:

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Done at Brussels, 18 June 2010.

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ANNEX

(This Annex is not published because it contains confidential commercial information.)