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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 according to product groups.
- (3) Commission Decision 2009/578/EC² and Commission Decision 2009/564/EC³ have established the ecological criteria and the related assessment and verification requirements for tourist accommodation service and campsite service, respectively, which are valid until 31 December 2016.
- (4) In order to better reflect the state of the art of the market for these product groups and take into account the innovation of the last years, it is considered appropriate to merge both product groups into one product group named “Tourist Accommodation”
- (5) The revised criteria, as well as the related assessment and verification requirements should be valid for five years from the date of adoption of this Decision, taking into account the innovation cycle for this product group. These criteria aim at promoting the use renewable energy sources, to save energy and water, to reduce waste and to improve the local environment.
- (6) Commission Decision 2009/578/EC and Commission Decision 2009/564/EC should therefore be replaced by this Decision.
- (7) A transitional period should be allowed for applicants whose tourist accommodation services and/or campsite services have been awarded the EU Ecolabel for tourist accommodation service and campsite service on the basis of the criteria set out in Decisions 2009/578/EC and 2009/564/EC, respectively, so that they have sufficient time to adapt their services to comply with the revised criteria and requirements.
- (8) 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,

¹ OJ L 27, 30.1.2010, p. 1

² OJ L 198, 30.7.2009, p. 57.

³ OJ L 196, 28.7.2009, p. 36.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

- (1) The product group ‘tourist accommodation’ shall comprise the provision of tourist accommodation services and/or campsite services.

It shall also comprise other accommodation facilities suitable for the provision of shelter to lodgers and collective areas for communal service if they are provided within the defined area. Collective areas for communal services are such as washing and cooking facilities, supermarkets and information facilities.

The provision of tourist accommodation services and/or campsite services may include the provision of food services, fitness and leisure activities, green areas and/or conference facilities.

In the framework of this Decision, food services include breakfast; fitness and leisure activities/facilities include saunas, swimming pools and all other such facilities, which are within the accommodation grounds, green areas include parks and gardens, which are open to guests and conference facilities includes the provision of a room for singular events such as business conferences, meetings or training events.

Article 2

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

- (1) ‘Tourist accommodation services’ shall comprise the provision, for a fee, of sheltered overnight accommodation in appropriately equipped rooms, including at least a bed, offered as a main service to tourists, travellers and lodgers.
- (2) ‘Campsite service’ shall comprise, as a main service provided for a fee, the provision of pitches equipped for mobile lodging structures within a defined area. Mobile lodging structures as referred are those such as tents, caravans, mobile homes and camper vans. Accommodation facilities suitable for the provision of shelter to lodgers that can be provided in addition to the main service are facilities such as bungalows, rental mobile lodging and apartments.

Article 3

- (1) In order to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010, a service shall fall within the product group ‘tourist accommodation’, as defined in Article 1 of this Decision and shall comply with the criteria as well as the related assessment and verification requirements set out in the Annex.
- (2) In order to be awarded the EU Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010, for a service falling within the product group ‘tourist accommodation’, a tourist accommodation service shall fulfil all of the following requirements:
- (a) it shall fall within the product group "tourist accommodation"
- (b) it shall comply with each of the criteria set out in Section A of the Annex to this Decision;

- (c) 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 requisite number of points as referred to in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph 2(c), the tourist accommodation service shall acquire at least: 20 points for the main service.
- (4) The points referred to in paragraph 3 shall be increased by any of the following, if provided under the same management or ownership of the tourist accommodation service:
- (a) 3 points for food services;
 - (b) 3 points for green/outside areas available to guests;
 - (c) 3 points for leisure/fitness activities or 5 points if the leisure/fitness activity consists in a wellness centre.
- (5) For the purposes of paragraph 2(c), the campsite service shall acquire at least:
- (a) 20 points for the main service;
 - (b) 24 points if other accommodation facilities, suitable for the provision of shelters for lodgers, are provided in addition
- (6) The points referred to in paragraph 5 shall be increased by any of the following, if provided under the same management or ownership of the campsite service:
- (a) 3 points for food services;
 - (b) 3 points for green/outside areas available to guests, which are not part of the campsite structure;
 - (c) 3 points for leisure/fitness activities or 5 points if the leisure/fitness activity consists in a wellness centre.

Article 4

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

Article 5

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

Article 6

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

Article 7

- (1) By derogation from Article 6, applications for the EU Ecolabel for products falling within the product groups 'tourist accommodation service' or 'campsite service' submitted before the date of adoption of this Decision shall be evaluated in accordance

with the conditions laid down in Decision 2009/578/EC and Decision 2009/564/EC, respectively.

- (2) 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 adoption of this Decision may be based either on the criteria set out in Decision 2009/578/EC and Decision 2009/564/EC, respectively, or on the criteria set out in this Decision. Those applications shall be evaluated in accordance with the criteria on which they are based.
- (3) EU Ecolabel licences awarded in accordance with the criteria set out in Decision 2009/578/EC and Decision 2009/564/EC may be used for 12 months from the date of adoption of this Decision.

Article 8

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission