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

After consulting the European Union Ecolabelling Board,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010, a timely review has been carried out of the ecological criteria, as well as of the related assessment and verification requirements, established by Commission Decision 2010/18/EC<sup>1</sup> for the award of the Community Ecolabel for Wooden Floor coverings and the **Corrigendum of 14 March 2013<sup>2</sup> and Corrigendum of 27 July 2013<sup>3</sup>**.
- (2) The revised criteria, as well as the related assessment and verification requirements should be valid for **four** years from the date of adoption of this Decision.
- (3) Commission Decision 2010/18/EC should therefore be replaced by this Decision.
- (4) A transitional period should be allowed for applicants whose wooden floor covering have been awarded the EU Ecolabel for wooden floor covering on the basis of the criteria set out in Decision 2010/18/EC, so that they have sufficient time to adapt their products to comply with the revised criteria and requirements.
- (5) 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*

The product group '**wood-based floor coverings**' shall comprise wood- and plant-based pre-manufacturing floor coverings: including wood and timber coverings, laminate floorings, cork coverings and bamboo floorings which are made, for more than 80% in mass (in the final product), from wood, wood powder and/or wood/plant-based material.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 32, 13.01.201, p. 8.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 11, 14.03.2013, p. 70.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 7, 24.07.2013, p. 199.

It does not apply to wall coverings, where properly indicated, or coverings for external use or for coverings with a structural function

#### *Article 2*

In order to be awarded the Community Ecolabel under Regulation (EC) No 66/2010, wood-based floor coverings must fall with the product group "wood-based floor coverings" as defined in Article 1, and must comply with the ecological criteria set out in the Annex to this Decision.

#### *Article 3*

The ecological criterion for the product group "Wood-based floor coverings", as well as the related assessment and verification requirements, shall be valid for **four years from** the date of notification of this decision

#### *Article 4*

For administrative purposes the code number assigned to the product group 'wood-based floor coverings' shall be **'XXX'**

#### *Article 5*

Decision 2010/18/EC and **2013/295/EU (prolongation of the validity of the criteria)** are repealed.

#### *Article 6*

1. This Decision shall apply two months after its adoption date. However applications for the EU Ecolabel for products falling within the product group 'wooden floor coverings' submitted within two months from the date of adoption of this Decision may be based either on the criteria set out in Decision 2010/18/EC, or on the criteria set out in this Decision. Applications shall be evaluated in accordance with the criteria on which they are based.
2. Ecolabels awarded in accordance with the criteria set out in Decision 2010/18/EC may be used for 12 months from the date of adoption of this Decision.

#### *Article 7*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, **xxxxx**

*For the Commission*

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