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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 95 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee<sup>1</sup>,

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty<sup>2</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 161, 13.7.2007, p. 45.

<sup>2</sup> Position of the European Parliament of 11 July 2007.

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 2002/95/EC<sup>1</sup> provides that certain measures are to be adopted in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission<sup>2</sup>.
- (2) Decision 1999/468/EC has been amended by Decision 2006/512/EC, which introduced the regulatory procedure with scrutiny for the adoption of measures of general scope designed to amend non-essential elements of a basic instrument adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty, inter alia by deleting some of those elements or by supplementing the instrument with new non-essential elements.
- (3) In accordance with the statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission<sup>3</sup> concerning Decision 2006/512/EC, for the regulatory procedure with scrutiny to be applicable to instruments adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty which are already in force, those instruments must be adjusted in accordance with the applicable procedures.
- (4) The Commission should be empowered to adapt the annexes. Since those measures are of general scope and are designed to amend non-essential elements of Directive 2002/95/EC, they must be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny provided for in Article 5a of Decision 1999/468/EC.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 37, 13.2.2003, p. 19. Directive as last amended by Commission Decision 2006/692/EC (OJ L 283, 14.10.2006, p. 50).

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23. Decision as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC (OJ L 200, 22.7.2006, p. 11).

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 255, 21.10.2006, p. 1.

- (5) Directive 2002/95/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) Since the amendments to be made to Directive 2002/95/EC by this Directive are adjustments of a technical nature which concern only committee procedure, they do not need to be transposed by the Member States. It is therefore not necessary to lay down provisions to that effect,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

*Article 1*  
*Amendments*

Directive 2002/95/EC is hereby amended as follows:

- 1) Article 5(1) shall be amended as follows:
  - (a) the introductory wording shall be replaced by the following:

"1. Any amendments which are necessary in order to adapt the Annex to scientific and technical progress for the following purposes shall be adopted:";
  - (b) the following subparagraph shall be added:

"The measures referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) of the first subparagraph, designed to amend non-essential elements of this Directive, shall be adopted in accordance with the regulatory procedure with scrutiny referred to in Article 7(2).";

- 2) Article 7 shall be replaced by the following:

*"Article 7  
Committee*

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee set up by Article 18 of Council Directive 75/442/EEC of 15 July 1975 on waste<sup>1</sup>.
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5a(1) to (4), and Article 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 194, 25.7.1975, p. 39. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1).".

*Article 2  
Entry into force*

This Directive shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

*Article 3*  
*Addressees*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*

*For the Council*  
*The President*