



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION

**ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE BRITISH STANDARD BS7750: 1994,
ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 12 OF THE
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) N. 1836/93 OF 29 JUNE 1993, ALLOWING
VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION BY COMPANIES IN THE INDUSTRIAL
SECTOR IN A COMMUNITY ECO-MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT SCHEME**

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**ON THE RECOGNITION OF IRISH STANDARD IS310: FIRST EDITION,
ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 12 OF THE
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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION

**ON THE RECOGNITION OF SPANISH STANDARD UNE 77-801(2)-94: ,
ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 12 OF THE
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) N. 1836/93 OF 29 JUNE 1993, ALLOWING
VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION BY COMPANIES IN THE INDUSTRIAL
SECTOR IN A COMMUNITY ECO-MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT SCHEME**

(presented by the Commission)

Proposal for a Council Decisions on the recognition of:

- the British Standard BS7750,
- the Irish Standard IS310, First Edition and
- the Spanish Standards UNE77-801(2)-94,

establishing specification for environmental management systems, in accordance with Article 12 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1836/93 of 29 June 1993, allowing voluntary participation by companies in the industrial sector in a Community Eco-Management and Audit Scheme.



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Article 12 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1836/93¹ foresees that companies implementing national, European and international standards for environmental management systems and audits and certified, according to appropriate certification procedures, as complying with those standards shall be considered as meeting the corresponding requirements of the Regulation, provided that, in particular, the standards and procedures are recognised by the Commission acting in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 19 of the Regulation.

The Commission services have carried out an analyses of the British Standard BS7750, the Irish Standard IS310, First Edition and the Spanish Standards UNE77-801(2)-94 and prepared, for each, a draft Commission Decision which identifies the areas of correspondence between the standards and the Regulation. These draft Decisions have been presented to the Regulatory Committee for its opinion as required by Article 19 of the Regulation. The Committee did not vote in favour of adoption of any of the Decisions.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19 (3) of the Regulation, the Commission therefore submits to the Council the attached proposal.

¹O.J. L 168, 10.7.93, p.1

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██████████ COUNCIL DECISION
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N.1836/93 of 29 June 1993, allowing voluntary participation by companies in the industrial sector in a Community eco-management and audit scheme¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,


Whereas Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) N.1836/93 establishes that companies implementing national, European and international standards for environmental management systems and audits and certified, according to appropriate certification procedures, as complying with those standards shall be considered as meeting the corresponding requirements of Regulation (EEC) N. 1836/93, provided that, in particular, the standards and procedures are recognised by the Commission acting in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 19 of the same Regulation;

Whereas Article 12 of (EEC) N.1836/93 states that the references of the recognised Standards and criteria shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*;

Whereas the Commission has been requested to recognise the British Standard BS7750:1994 establishing specification for environmental management systems;

Whereas the British Standard BS7750:1994 includes specification for environmental management systems and audit corresponding to certain requirements of Regulation (EEC) N. 1836/93;

¹O.J. L 168, 10.07.1993, p.1



Whereas the Committee established under Article 19 of the Regulation did not give a favourable opinion on the draft of the measure which was submitted to it by the Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the purposes of Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) N.1836/93, the Council hereby recognises that the British Standard BS7750:1994 establishing specification for environmental management systems contains requirements corresponding to those of the Council Regulation 1836/93 specified in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is without prejudice to the elaboration of requirements for environmental management and audit systems in any future European standard and does not constitute a dispensation from the obligation to transpose European Standards as national standards without change, and to withdraw conflicting national standards in due time.

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Bruxelles, [_____] 1995]



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Requirements of Council Regulation (EEC) N. 1836/93 for which there are corresponding standards in the BS7750:1994

Article 3 Participation in the scheme

Paragraphs (a) and (c) to (e)

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Paragraphs A to G

[REDACTED]

COUNCIL DECISION
OF _____ 1995

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ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 12 OF THE
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) N.1836/93 establishes that companies implementing national, European and international standards for environmental management systems and audits and certified, according to appropriate certification procedures, as complying with those standards shall be considered as meeting the corresponding requirements of Regulation (EEC) N. 1836/93, provided that, in particular, the standards and procedures are recognised by the Commission acting in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 19 of the same Regulation;

Whereas Article 12 of (EEC) N.1836/93 states that the references of the recognised Standards and criteria shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*;

Whereas the Commission has been requested to recognise the Irish standard IS310 First edition establishing specification for environmental management systems;

Whereas the Irish standard IS310: First Edition includes specification for environmental management systems and audit corresponding to certain requirements of Regulation (EEC) N. 1836/93;

¹O.J. L 168, 10.07.1993, p.1

[REDACTED]

Whereas the Committee established under Article 19 of the Regulation did not give a favourable opinion on the draft of the measure which was submitted to it by the Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the purposes of Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) N.1836/93, the Council hereby recognises that the Irish standard IS310:First Edition establishing specification for environmental management systems contains requirements corresponding to those of the Council Regulation 1836/93 specified in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is without prejudice to the elaboration of requirements for environmental management and audit systems in any future European standard and does not constitute a dispensation from the obligation to transpose European Standards as national standards without change, and to withdraw conflicting national standards in due time.

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Bruxelles, [_____] 1995]



ANNEX

Requirements of Council Regulation (EEC) N. 1836/93 for which there are corresponding standards in the IS310:First Edition

Article 3 Participation in the scheme

Paragraphs (b), (c) and (e)

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- Part A - Paragraphs 1 to 5
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**██████████ COUNCIL DECISION
OF ██████████ 1995**

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Whereas Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) N.1836/93 establishes that companies implementing national, European and international standards for environmental management systems and audits and certified, according to appropriate certification procedures, as complying with those standards shall be considered as meeting the corresponding requirements of Regulation (EEC) N. 1836/93, provided that, in particular, the standards and procedures are recognised by the Commission acting in accordance with the procedures laid down in Article 19 of the same Regulation;

Whereas Article 12 of (EEC) N.1836/93 states that the references of the recognised Standards and criteria shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*;

Whereas the Commission has been requested to recognise the Spanish Standard: UNE 801(2)-94 establishing specification for environmental management systems;

Whereas the Spanish standard: UNE 77-801(2)-94: includes specification for environmental management systems and audit corresponding to certain requirements of Regulation (EEC) N. 1836/93;

¹O.J. L 168, 10.07.1993, p.1

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Whereas the Committee established under Article 19 of the Regulation did not give a favourable opinion on the draft of the measure which was submitted to it by the Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the purposes of Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) N.1836/93, the Council hereby recognises that the Spanish standard:UNE 77-801(2)-94: establishing specification for environmental management systems contains requirements corresponding to those of the Council Regulation 1836/93 specified in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is without prejudice to the elaboration of requirements for environmental management and audit systems in any future European standard and does not constitute a dispensation from the obligation to transpose European Standards as national standards without change, and to withdraw conflicting national standards in due time.

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Bruxelles, [_____] 1995]

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Requirements of Council Regulation (EEC) N. 1836/93 for which there are corresponding standards in the UNE 77-801(2)-94:

Article 3 Participation in the scheme

Paragraphs (b) to (e)

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