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JRC publishes final end-of-waste criteria report

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) has prepared a package of two reports defining the concept of End of Waste (EoW) and the waste types suitable for this classification. These final recommendations concern definitions for when certain waste streams that have undergone recovery cease to be waste under EU law. The revised EU Waste Framework Directive, which was published last November, states that the European Commission must assess the need for end-of-waste criteria for several waste streams. The JRC report suggests that criteria for defining end-of-waste should cover the input waste material, the recovery processes used, the quality of the resulting product and its potential applications. Quality control procedures to ensure that criteria are met should be established. The Commission plans to publish its proposals for possible end-of-waste criteria by the end of 2009.

Following the publication of the Waste Directive 2008/98/EC, CEMBUREAU plans to put in place a new Task Force-ad hoc group to look at end-of-waste criteria, in particular for used tyres. It is important to note that several of the waste streams used in the cement industry will be affected, namely plastics, ashes and slag, solid waste fuel, waste oil, tyres and solvents.

The JRC Report is available here:

<http://susproc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/activities/waste/documents/Endofwastecriteriafinal.pdf>