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NOTE

from : General Secretariat of the Council
to : Delegations

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Subject : Energy Star Programme: Revision of Annex C of International Agreement
- Energy Group meetings on 28 September and 5 October 2004

On 28 September 2004, the Commission representative presented the Commission Staff Working Document on the revision of Annex C of the International Agreement concerning the Energy Star Programme (doc. 12625/04 ENER 207/RELEX 396) to the Working Party on Energy; this Annex defines for each product category the energy performance that the product must meet to qualify for the label. The proposed revision responds to the need for technical adaptation of that Annex.

It is understood that with this presentation, the requirement of the consultation, by the Commission, with the special committee designated by the Council (provided for in Article 3 of Council Decision 2003/269/EC1 of 8 April 2003) is fulfilled; no further consultations (e.g. with the Article 133 Committee) are necessary. Such was the conclusion drawn by the Presidency at the meeting of the Working Party on Energy of 5 October 2004. No objections were raised to that conclusion.

It is also understood that the Commission, acting as the Management Entity on behalf of the European Community, will adopt the amendment to Annex C to the Agreement by repealing and replacing part II C of the Annex C with the revised set of specifications for Monitors (as in 12625/04 ENER 207/RELEX 396), subject to the acceptance by the US EPA acting for the US Government. The Commission will then publish the decision of the Management Entities, including the revised Technical Annex for computer monitors, in the OJEU.

¹ OJ L99, 17.4.2003, p.7