Subject: Classification of glass waste originating from cathode ray tubes (CRT) under entries B2020 or A2010

1. These correspondents' guidelines represent the common understanding of all Member States on how Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 on shipments of waste should be interpreted. The guidelines were agreed by the correspondents at a meeting on 7/8 May 2009 organised pursuant to Article 57 of Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006. They are not legally binding. The binding interpretation of Community law is the exclusive competence of the European Court of Justice. The guidelines apply from 15 June 2009 and should be reviewed at the latest five years from the above date and, if necessary, revised.

2. Entry A2010 in part I of Annex IV, and in part 1 of Annex V list A reads

“Glass waste from cathode-ray tubes and other activated glasses”.

3. Entry B2020 in part I of Annex III, and in part 1 of Annex V list B reads

“Glass waste in non-dispersible form:
- Cullet and other waste and scrap of glass except for glass from cathode-ray tubes and other activated glasses”

4. It is unclear when glass cullet waste generated from the treatment of waste CRTs should be classified under entry B2020 and when under entry A2010. There is a need to achieve a Community-wide approach in order to ensure that different competent authorities in Member States classify this waste in the same way.

5. As a common understanding of correspondents it has been agreed that where the material is waste:

a) Generally, panel glass¹ that has been properly separated and from which activated coatings, frit and other contaminants have been removed may be classified under entry B2020, provided that the remaining heavy metals are enshrined in the glass, that there is no risk of dispersion and that all the heavy metals or the glass itself can be recycled;

b) Untreated² funnel glass (and mixed CRT glass) with coating or contaminated by lead frit or phosphors should be classified under entry A2010;

c) Front panels cut from the CRT, where either the phosphors have not been removed or there is contamination by coatings or lead frit, should normally be classified under entry A2010.

¹ These correspondents’ guidelines do not reflect any agreement by Correspondents on the appropriate classification of funnel glass that had been similarly treated.
² With regard to treated funnel glass see previous footnote.