

ENVI-News

Newsletter from the European Parliament Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee

Meeting in Brussels:

Monday 5 October 2009, 15.00 – 18.30

Tuesday 6 October 2009, 09.00 – 12.30



**NEW ENVI COMMITTEE MEMBERS
JULY 2009**

LEGISLATIVE WORK

ENVIRONMENT

- **CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT OF THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC (OSPAR): ANNEXES II AND III RELATING TO THE STORAGE OF CARBON DIOXIDE STREAMS IN GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS**

Consultation

Consideration of draft report

The ENVI committee will consider the draft report on "Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR): annexes ii and iii relating to the storage of carbon dioxide streams in geological formations" (Anna Rosbach, EFD, DK). At the meeting of the OSPAR

Commission in June 2007 decisions were taken to amend Annexes II and III of the OSPAR Convention in relation to the storage of carbon dioxide streams in underground geological formations, with a view to legally enabling Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) operations in the OSPAR maritime area.

The present proposal for an approval decision by the Community applies to the amendments to Annex II and III of the OSPAR Convention.

The rapporteur, MEP Rosbach, has forwarded three amendments to the proposal.

Deadline for amendments: 9 October 2009

Adoption ENVI: 3-5 November 2009

Adoption in Plenary: November or December 2009

OPINIONS

- **ADAPTATION TO THE REGULATORY PROCEDURE WITH SCRUTINY - PART FIVE**

Co-decision - first reading

Adoption of draft opinion

The ENVI committee will consider the draft opinion on "Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny - part five" (RPS). The Commission proposal adapts two legislative acts to the new Regulatory Procedure with Scrutiny (RPS). This so called Omnibus V is a reply from the Commission on a Resolution by European Parliament (A6-0345/2008), providing the Commission with a list of legislative acts for which the Commission should assess whether they should be aligned to RPS. The Commission choose to only align two acts:

The Environment Committee website:

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/comparl/envi/default_en.htm

- Directive 64/432/EEC on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine
- Regulation 1760/2000 establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation 820/97

The draft opinion contains possible candidates for the alignment to the RPS

*No amendments were tabled to the draft opinion.
Vote in lead committee: 6 October 2009
Plenary: October II 2009*

COMITOLOGY

- **RPS DRAFT COMITOLOGY MEASURE UNDER THE EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM DIRECTIVE - LIST OF SECTORS AND SUBSECTORS DEEMED TO BE EXPOSED TO A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF CARBON LEAKAGE**

Exchange of views

The ENVI Committee will hold an exchange of views on a draft comitology measure which defines the list of sectors and subsectors deemed to be exposed to a significant risk of carbon leakage (relocation of production and thus emissions outside the EU). Installations in these sectors or subsectors shall be allocated, in 2013 and in each subsequent year up to 2020, allowances free of charge. Sectors or subsectors that are not on this list will need to get part of their allowances through auctioning (they will receive 80% for free in 2013, decreasing to 30% in 2020 and 0% in 2027). For the power sector there is no free allocation.

Deadline for proposing an objection: 8 October - 12.00

EXCHANGES OF VIEWS

- **QUESTION TIME ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REACH**

Exchange of views with Commission representatives

The ENVI Committee will hold an exchange of views with **Commission representatives**

The Environment Committee website:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/homeCom.do?language=EN&body=ENVI>

on a "question time" on the implementation of the REACH Regulation.

- **OVERVIEW OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUTPUT OF EFSA**

Exchange of views with Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle (Executive Director of EFSA)

The **Executive Director of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle**, will give an overview of the achievements and output of the agency during the last year as well as an outlook on the agency programme for the coming years.

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

In response to the Stiglitz Commission Report, recently launched by President Sarkozy, the EEA has published an article entitled: The time is ripe for green Accounting, which makes the link between poor accounting and a lack of real information.

The EEA calls for the development of systems of national accounting that fully incorporate the capital stocks that determine our earnings. EEA is developing a 'natural capital accounting methodology' and land carbon and water accounts, that will shed light on the physical changes occurring in the European environment and their interaction with local and national economies. Links: EEA website: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/articles/the-time-is-ripe-for-green-accounting>

Date of next meeting:

Monday 19 October 2009, 19.30-21.00

Tuesday 3 November 2009, 15.00-18.30

Wednesday 4 November, 9.00-12.30 and 15.00-18.30

Thursday 5 November, 9.00-12.30