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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS  
ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION  
UPDATE 2009

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BIODIVERSITY/ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (IN GENERAL)

***Ministerial Decree of 30 March 2009 (Ministry for the Protection of the Environment, Land and Sea) (Ord. Suppl. No. 61 of GU No. 95 of 24 April 2009)***

This Ministerial Decree provides an updated list of the relevant Italian Natura 2000 protected areas (sites of Community importance) for the Mediterranean Region, according to the Directive 92/43/EEC.

***Ministerial Decree of 19 June 2009 (Ministry for the Protection of the Environment, Land and Sea) (GU No. 157 of 9 July 2009)***

This Ministerial Decree contains an updated list of the Special Protection Areas (SPAs) according to the Directive 79/409/EEC.

***Law No. 13 of 27 February 2009 (GU 49 of 28 February 2009)***

This Law converts into law the Decree 208/2008 containing extraordinary environmental protection measures, in particular for the water sector.

CLIMATE CHANGE

***Ministerial Deliberation of 10 April 2009 (Ministry for the Protection of the Environment, Land and Sea) (GU No. 127 of 4 June 2009)***

This Deliberation implements the Decision 2007/589/EC of the European Commission establishing guidelines for the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC.

DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

***Legislative Decree No.21 of 6 February 2009 (GU No. 66 of 20 March 2009)***

This Legislative Decree dictates enforcement measures for correct and complete implementation of the Regulation 648/2004/EC on detergents.

ENERGY

***President of the Republic Decree No. 59 of 2 April 2009 (GU No. 132 of 10 June 2009)***

This Decree supplements the Legislative Decree 192/2005 which implemented Directive 2002/91/EC on the energy performance of buildings.

***Ministerial Decree of 26 June 2009 (Ministry for Economic Development) (GU No. 158 of 10 July 2009)***

This Ministerial Decree contains the national guidelines for the certification of the energy performance of buildings.

***Law No. 99 of 23 July 2009 (Ord. Suppl. No. 137 of GU No. 176 of 31 July 2009)***

This Law provides a revision of the existing legislation for the energy sector in Italy. More specifically, it contains provisions on the use of biomass; the wind, geothermal, solar and nuclear energy; the renewable energy certificates; the renewable energy plants; the emission trading system.

**GREEN INCENTIVES**

***Ministerial Decree of 3 March 2009 (Ministry for the Protection of the Environment, Land and Sea) (GU No. 65 of 19 March 2009)***

This Ministerial Decree provides for incentives to the installation of particulate abating devices for vehicles.

***Law No. 33 of 9 April 2009 (Ord. Suppl. No. 49 of GU No. 85 of 11 April 2009)***

This Law converts into law the Decree 5/2009 containing urgent measures for the doldrums industrial sectors. It introduces a 20% fiscal deduction for the purchase of household electrical appliances included in the A+ energy efficiency category. It's curious to notice that, at the moment, excluding fridges and freezers which already benefit of a 20% fiscal deduction, there is no household electrical appliance listed as A+.

**NUCLEAR**

***Legislative Decree No. 23 of 20 February 2009 (GU No. 68 of 23 March 2009)***

This Legislative Decree implements the Directive 2006/117/Euratom on the supervision and control of shipments of radioactive waste and spent fuel.

**WASTE**

***Ministerial Decree of 13 May 2009 (Ministry for the Protection of the Environment, Land and Sea) (GU No. 165 of 18 July 2009)***

This Ministerial Decree amends the Decree of 8 April 2008 on the types of waste which can be collected by the local centres for urban waste collection and recycling, upon implementation of Legislative Decree 162/2005.

***Ministerial Decree of 1 July 2009 (Ministry for the Protection of the Environment, Land and Sea) (GU No. 162 of 15 July 2009)***

This Ministerial Decree implements the Directive 2007/71/EC amending Annex II of Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues.

**WATER**

***Legislative Decree No. 30 of 16 March 2009 (GU No. 79 of 4 April 2009)***

This Legislative Decree implements the Directive 2006/118/EC on the protection of groundwater against pollution and deterioration.

***Ministerial Decree No. 56 of 14 April 2009 (Ord. Suppl. No. 83/L to GU No. 124 of 30 May 2009)***

This Ministerial Decree contains some amendments to the Legislative Decree 152/2006, with a specific regard to the water sector. More specifically, it amends the criteria and methodologies for the monitoring of watercourses.

***Ministerial Decree of 17 July 2009 Ministry for the Protection of the Environment, Land and Sea) (GU No. 203 of 2 September 2009)***

This Ministerial Decree identifies the required information and the modalities for the collection and transmission of the data on the monitoring and classification of watercourses in Italy, for the implementation of the relevant European and Italian legislation.

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