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Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 66/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 on the EU Ecolabel¹, and in particular point (c) of Article 8(3) thereof,

After consulting the European Union Eco-Labeling Board,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2007/506/EC of 21 June 2007 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label to soaps, shampoos and hair conditioners² expires on 31 December 2013.
- (2) An assessment has been carried out to evaluate the relevance and appropriateness of the current ecological criteria, as well as of the related assessment and verification requirements, established by this Decision. Given the stage of the revision process for that Decision, it is appropriate to prolong the period of validity of the ecological criteria and the related assessment and verification requirements which it set out. The period of validity of the ecological criteria and the related assessment and verification requirements set out in Decision 2007/506/EC should be prolonged until 31 December 2014.
- (3) Decision 2007/506/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee set up by Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 66/2010

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 4 of Decision 2007/506/EC is replaced by the following:

¹ OJ L 27, 30.1.2010, p. 1.

² OJ L 186, 18.7.2007, p. 36

'Article 4

The ecological criteria for the product group 'soaps, shampoos and hair-conditioners', as well as the related assessment and verification requirements, shall be valid until 31 December 2014'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
Janez POTOČNIK
Member of the Commission