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**NOTE**

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From: German delegation  
To: Council

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Subject: Amendment of EU Directive 2001/81/EC of 23 October 2001 on national emission ceilings for certain atmospheric pollutants ("NEC Directive")  
*- Request from the German delegation*

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Delegations will find attached a note from the German delegation to be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 16 - 17 December 2013.

**CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT FROM THE GERMAN DELEGATION**

The European Commission has announced that it would make a proposal to revise the NEC Directive at the end of 2013. This proposal is to set emission ceilings probably from 2025 onwards.

For the European farming sector, emission reduction obligations are particularly important for ammonia as it accounts for more than 90 % of such emissions. However, the farming and agricultural sectors could in the future also be substantially affected by new emission reduction obligations for particulate matter.

Germany, with the support of Denmark and Luxemburg, assumes that in its impact assessment of the proposed directive the European Commission will also explain the impact on agriculture and possible interactions with the EU Common Agricultural Policy.

Germany, with the support of Denmark and Luxemburg, requests the European Commission to regularly report on its proposal and the course of the deliberations in the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries).

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