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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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 Ecolabel<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 8(3)(c) thereof,

After consulting the European Union Eco-Labeling Board,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2009/568/EC<sup>2</sup> expires on 30 June 2015.
- (2) Commission Decision 2011/333/EU<sup>3</sup> expires on 7 June 2015.
- (3) Commission Decision 2011/381/EU<sup>4</sup> expires on 24 June 2015.
- (4) Commission Decision 2012/448/EU<sup>5</sup> expires on 12 July 2015.
- (5) Commission Decision 2012/481/EU<sup>6</sup> expires on 16 August 2015.
- (6) An assessment has been carried out confirming the relevance and appropriateness of the current ecological criteria, as well as of the related assessment and verification requirements, established by Decisions 2009/568/EC, 2011/333/EU, 2011/381/EU, 2012/448/EU and 2012/481/EU. As the revision processes of the current ecological criteria and the related assessment and verification requirements set out in those

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 27, 30.1.2010, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Commission Decision 2009/568/EC of 9 July 2009 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the Community Eco-label for tissue paper (OJ L 197, 29.7.2009, p. 87).

<sup>3</sup> Commission Decision 2011/333/EU of 7 June 2011 on establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for copying and graphic paper (OJ L 149, 8.6.2011, p. 12).

<sup>4</sup> Commission Decision 2011/381/EU of 24 June 2011 on establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel to lubricants (OJ L 169, 29.6.2011, p. 28).

<sup>5</sup> Commission Decision 2012/448/EU of 12 July 2012 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for newsprint paper (OJ L 202, 28.7.2012, p. 26).

<sup>6</sup> Commission Decision 2012/481/EU of 16 August 2012 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for printed paper (OJ L 223, 21.8.2012, p. 55).

Decisions will start in 2015, it is appropriate to prolong the periods of validity of those ecological criteria and those related assessment and verification requirements until 31 December 2018.

- (7) Decisions 2009/568/EC, 2011/333/EU, 2011/381/EU, 2012/448/EU and 2012/481/EU should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (8) 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 3 of Decision 2009/568/EC is replaced by the following:

##### *'Article 3*

The ecological criteria for the product group 'tissue paper' and the related assessment and verification requirements, shall be valid until 31 December 2018.'

#### *Article 2*

Article 4 of Decision 2011/333/EU is replaced by the following:

##### *'Article 4*

The ecological criteria for the product group 'copying and graphic paper' and the related assessment and verification requirements, shall be valid until 31 December 2018.'

#### *Article 3*

Article 4 of Decision 2011/381/EU is replaced by the following:

##### *'Article 4*

The ecological criteria for the product group 'lubricants' and the related assessment and verification requirements, shall be valid until 31 December 2018.'

#### *Article 4*

Article 4 of Decision 2012/448/EU is replaced by the following:

##### *'Article 4*

The ecological criteria for the product group 'newsprint paper' and the related assessment and verification requirements, shall be valid until 31 December 2018.'

*Article 5*

Article 4 of Decision 2012/481/EU is replaced by the following:

*'Article 4*

The ecological criteria for the product group 'printed paper' and the related assessment and verification requirements, shall be valid until 31 December 2018.'

*Article 6*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*  
*Karmenu VELLA*  
*Member of the Commission*