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Title of the initiative:

Proposal for amendment of Decision 280/2004/EC concerning a mechanism for monitoring Community greenhouse gas emissions and for implementing the Kyoto Protocol

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Expected date of adoption of the initiative (month/year): 03/2011

Initial IA screening & planning of further work

A. Context and problem definition

What is the political context of the initiative?

The Climate Change and Energy Package and the discussions following the Copenhagen agreement and the experience gained through the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol necessitate a new monitoring and reporting scheme.

How does this initiative relate to past and possible future initiatives, and to other EU policies?

The EU should already now start devising a framework for the implementation of the monitoring and reporting requirements resulting from the international discussions on future action and the EU's climate change and energy package. The current decision only reflects the requirements of the Convention and the protocol as currently established and does not capture the newest developments,

What are the main problems identified?

Requirements for provision of data and timing of this provision should be reviewed and quality and timely provision of data reported to the Commission should be improved, as well as a review of broader implementation issues, amendment of existing legislation.

Is EU action justified on grounds of subsidiarity?

The climate change and energy package as well as the international discussions are based on a common approach at EU level. Action at EU level is therefore the appropriate means of implementing the EU's positions.

B. Objectives of EU initiative

What are the main policy objectives?

- Streamline reporting framework and improve quality of data reported

Does the objective imply developing EU policy in new areas or of strategic importance?

N/A

C. Options

What are the policy options? What legislative or 'soft law' instruments could be considered? Would any legislative initiatives go beyond routine up-date of existing legislation?

Amendment of existing legislation

Does the action proposed in the options cut across several policy areas or impact on action taken/planned by other Commission departments?

Amendment of existing legislation to improve monitoring and reporting framework, will affect Member State reporting institutions, as well as EEA and Commission work.

Do the options respect the proportionality principle?

Yes.

D. Initial assessment of impacts

What are the significant impacts likely to result from each policy option (cf. list of impacts in the impact assessment guidelines), even if these impacts would materialise only after subsequent Commission initiatives?

It will address the impacts on administrative costs and arrangements in the Member States.

Could the options have impacts on the EU-Budget (above 5 Mio €) and/or should the IA also serve as the ex-ante evaluation, required by the Financial Regulation?

N/A

Could the options have significant impacts on simplification/administrative burden or on relations with third countries?

N/A

Who is affected?

Amendment of existing legislation to improve monitoring and reporting framework, will affect Member State reporting institutions, as well as EEA and Commission work.

E. Planning of further impact assessment work

What information and data is already available? What further information needs to be gathered? How will this be done (e.g. internally or by an external contractor) and by when? What type and level of analysis will be carried out (cf. principle of proportionate analysis)?

The impact assessment work will build on the impact assessment undertaken for the Climate Change and Energy package, and the ETS revision and as such include a similar analysis.

A service study was launched to perform the necessary analysis for the required impact assessment.

Which stakeholders & experts have been/will be consulted, how and at what stage?

A conference will be organised to exchange information and ideas with other involved stakeholders. This conference will probably take place in June 2009.