



PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

**ECN Workshop 9th and 10th of October 2003, Maastricht
(near Brussels), The Netherlands, on:**

**“Impacts of the Animal-By-Products Regulation ABP on composting
and digestion plants - approaches in the EU and Accessing Countries
to manage the requirements of the ABP”**

Reacting to the Mad Cow/BSE and the Foot-and-Mouth Disease the European Parliament has issued the ordinance VO (EG) 1774/2002.

The hygiene regulations for „animal-by-products not intended for human consumption” became effective for the first time on May 1st 2003 in all member states. They also include highly hygienical requirements considering the operation and equipment of composting and digestion plants.

The enormous volume of 95 pages with a total of 11 annexes, the multitude of cross references etc. together with a row of 17 supplements and interim solutions are leading to misinterpretations and a controversial discussion about the correct realization.

Therefore this second ECN Workshop is dedicated for practitioners to discuss the impacts of the new ABP. The following workshop sessions will cover the topic:

- Session 1: Status of the ABP and amendments
- Session 2: What do existing risk assessments really show?
- Session 3: Effects on countries without national regulations
- Session 4: Effects on countries with national regulations in place
- Session 5: Monitoring Strategies of the governmental bodies
- Session 6: ABP and the use of compost and digestion residuals.

The program is in the final steps of preparation.

The workshop will be organised in combination with the opening of a new composting plant with advanced technology in Maastricht on October 8th.

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