

Waste statistics

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The Commission accepts the complete set of amendments as voted on in the European Parliament plenary of the 4th of July 2002. In particular, these concern: - the transitional and derogation periods are restricted to new and for Member States possible difficult areas in the economic activity classification (Nace), to give them more time to establish their waste statistics; - those amendments which propose 'pilot studies' for establishing statistical methodologies for some difficult areas. The Commission will, after 2 years, inform the European Parliament and the Council on the progress of the pilot studies, with the possibility of a revision of the studies; - proposing the inclusion of the economic activities Agriculture and Fishing (Nace sections A and B); - proposing statistics on a more disaggregated level for Organic waste (split into Vegetal waste, Animal waste and Manure). This is relevant in relation to food safety; - proposing to single out the relative large 'Dredging sludge' stream from common sludges in the waste classification.