

SUMMARY COMMENTS AND STATUS OF HORIZONTAL DS 13 LAS AND NP

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee was of the opinion that the desk study elaborated by this Work Package team was of good quality. Mr Reimar Leschber, Work Package Leader, attributed this to the large process of consultation among the different CEN/TC members and to the high degree of co-operation this process had guaranteed. It was **agreed to proceed with Phase II with all compounds**, subject to a review when the proposals for the revision of the Sewage Sludge Directive and the Biowaste Directive were adopted by the Commission.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

HORIZONTAL DESK STUDY 13. LAS AND NONYLPHENOLS

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The drafted desk study concluded that a good basis exists for the preparation of harmonized and horizontal standards for LAS and nonylphenols. This statement has not been doubted in the comments and we have only had support for the conclusion.

The enquiry has not revealed new national methods or standards for LAS or nonylphenols. However in the continued work it is the plan to include a review of the most recent techniques and publications to ensure that everything is taken into account.

For nonylphenols it is important to decide whether or not to include the smaller mono- and diethoxylates. This decision may influence the analytical method, e.g if derivatisation is needed for the determination of the smaller ethoxylates. The situation today is that at least in three member states (France, Sweden and Denmark) the smaller ethoxylates are included in the analyses carried out on sewage sludge.

A question has been asked about the limits of detection (LOD). The LODs in the future horizontal standards for LAS and nonylphenols are yet not known. However it is our firm conviction that the LODs will be sufficient to fulfil the future needs for control and monitoring purposes.