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Dear stakeholder,

The Communication on “Strategy for the simplification of the regulatory environment” identifies waste as one of the three priority policy areas and includes Directive 2002/95/EC (RoHS) and Directive 2002/96/EC (WEEE) in the simplification exercise for 2008.

The objective is to make legislation less burdensome, easier to apply and thereby more effective in achieving its goals.

To provide the necessary information to the review the Commission launched a study in December 2006. The contractors are ARCADIS Ecolas and RPA.

Please find attached a questionnaire that the contractors have prepared to elicit from you the information that is relevant to the study.

An earlier questionnaire was distributed during the Spring. Unfortunately, the number of responses was too low to provide a sufficiently robust basis to formulate future proposals for simplification.

We have therefore revised our approach to take into account your reactions to the first round. The two separate questionnaires on WEEE and RoHS have now been integrated into a single questionnaire, the questions are less detailed and more room is given to express your views. The deadline has been substantially extended.

I strongly invite you to read and complete carefully the questionnaire. Please be precise and provide **specific examples, facts and figures**. The success of the review crucially depends on the quality of the information you will supply to the contractor.

The contractor is working to ensure that the questionnaire reaches the highest number of stakeholders. I would be grateful if you could collaborate in this effort by forwarding the questionnaire to your members, your suppliers or to any other interested company or organisation.

Please provide your reply by the **30 September 2007** to Sarah Bogaert, ARCADIS Ecolas (sbogaert@arcadisecolas.be).

Yours faithfully

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