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*The Permanent Representative*

Mr Philip Lowe  
Director General  
DG Energy  
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Brussels B-1049

5 July 2010

Dear Mr Lowe

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**Reporting requirements as per Article 19(2) of Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and 2003/20/EC**

Reference is made to Article 19(2) of Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and 2003/20/EC which obliges Member States to, by 31 March 2010, submit to the Commission a report including a list of those areas on their territory classified as level 2 in the nomenclature of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) or as a more disaggregated NUTS level in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS).

In view of the above, attached please find Malta's report and a list of areas classified as level 2 in the NUTS or as a more disaggregated NUTS level in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Cachia Caruana  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Enclosures: Report on territories in Malta where the typical greenhouse gas emissions from cultivation of agricultural raw materials can be expected to be lower than or equal to the emissions reported under Part D of Annex V of Directive 2009/28/EC.

List of areas classified as level 2 in the NUTS or as a more disaggregated NUTS level in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003

Copy: Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs

**Report to the Commission on territories in Malta where the  
typical greenhouse gas emissions from cultivation of  
agricultural raw materials can be expected to be lower than  
or equal to the emissions reported under the heading  
'Disaggregated default values for cultivation' in part D of  
Annex V to Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the  
use of energy from renewable sources and amending and  
subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and  
2003/30/EC**

According to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS), all the area of Malta is one NUTS level 2. This is further disaggregated in two areas defined as NUTS level 3, the area covering the island of Malta; and the area covering the islands of Gozo and Comino.

Given the scarce arable land available in the Maltese Islands and the limited amount of fresh water resources, the local cultivation of crops for biofuel production is discouraged and even considered as an unfeasible or unsustainable option. Furthermore, the Maltese agricultural authorities uphold that it also compromises local forage production which is important for support to the dairy industry. Normally, Malta is not self-sufficient in fodder crops and it already imports additional forage to supplement its local production. Any further importation would be an added cost which the industry cannot afford.

In view of the above, no study was ever undertaken on the probable greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural products cultivated on Maltese arable land.

The limited quantities of biodiesel which are currently produced locally are sourced from recycled waste cooking oil or imported vegetable oil.

	Total area Sq Km
<b>NUTS 1</b>	
Republic of Malta	316
<b>NUTS 2 -</b>	
Republic of Malta	316
<b>NUTS 3 - MT 01</b>	
Island of Malta	246.4863
<b>NUTS 3 - MT 02</b>	
Gozo & Comino	68.6672