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A number of noteworthy legislative measures affecting RES-E deployment were taken in Italy in late 2005 and the first months of 2006 as well. These measures actually brought some new features into Italy's RES-E support system, which were worth being considered as they somehow altered the framework RES-E stakeholders had to deal with. Consequently something new was also likely to be found in respect of RES-E stakeholders' views and perceptions as they had been gathered through the year 2005 and described in the Country Report already submitted .

Briefly speaking, the most outstanding aspects were:

- Two Ministerial Decrees issued on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005 providing some new rules on Tradable Green Certificates (TGC) (these Decrees were already mentioned in the Country Report).
- Two Provisions issued by AEEG (Regulatory Authority for Electricity and Gas) concerning grid-connection of RES-E plant (No. 281 of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2005) and energy exchange between the network and RES-E plant not exceeding 20 kW (No. 28<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2006).
- A new Ministerial Decree of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006 modifying the former Decree of July 2005 that granted feed-in tariffs to the energy produced by photovoltaic plant (among others, much higher ceilings were set to overall capacity of funded projects after the unexpected surge of bids that followed the former Decree).
- A Legislative Decree (No. 152 of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006) on environmental matters which (among others) also included a major provision bearing upon RES-E investors, namely the extension of the TGC availability term from 8 years to 12 years since the start of plant operation.
- A Ministerial Decree of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2006 specifying the kinds of waste and RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) admitted to get TGC in accordance with Art. 17 of Decree No. 387 of 29<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

Some of the above-mentioned provisions had long been awaited as they were required for implementing Decree No. 387 of 29<sup>th</sup> December 2003 (transposing Directive 2001/77/EC), whilst others, like the extension of the TGC term, were on the contrary rather unexpected.