

**Question for written answer E-004432/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Revision of Regulation (EU) 2015/1185 on ecodesign requirements for solid fuel local space heaters

The Commission is currently revising Regulation (EU) 2015/1185¹, despite the fact that no impact assessment has been carried out for the version in force since 2022. Industry representatives warn that introducing further restrictions without such an evaluation risks creating disproportionate costs for manufacturers, limiting affordable heating options for consumers, reducing energy security and deepening energy poverty.

Furthermore, wood is recognised by the EU as a renewable energy source and equating it with fossil fuels such as coal would contradict the EU's climate and energy policy objectives. In addition, experience from Germany, Austria and Switzerland shows that educating users on proper wood preparation and burning techniques delivers faster and longer lasting emission reductions than imposing further regulatory restrictions.

In the light of the above, can the Commission clarify the following:

1. How does it justify an approach that treats wood, which is a renewable resource, on par with fossil fuels, contrary to EU climate policy?
2. Has it considered promoting user education and awareness campaigns as a more effective and proportionate tool for reducing emissions from wood-burning appliances?

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¹ Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1185 of 24 April 2015 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for solid fuel local space heaters (OJ L 193, 21.7.2015, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2015/1185/oj>).