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The Ecodesign Directive[1] requires the Commission to carry out a review of the existing measures for solid fuel local space heaters. The Commission has not adopted ecodesign requirements yet. The Commission tabled a working document to steer the discussion with stakeholders at a Consultation Forum. Initially, the meeting was scheduled on 12 February 2025, but it has been postponed. The Commission will continue discussing the topic with industry and other stakeholders including Member State representatives, with whom the Commission has engaged in an open dialogue.

In this process, the Commission will ensure that new measures will not have any negative effects, including on civil defence. In this respect, the Commission will ensure that the fitting of any technology, including automatic airflow control, is compatible with the manual operation of the appliance.

Possible effects on competitiveness are being assessed by the Commission, so that any measures proposed take competitiveness aspects fully into account. Potential affordability impacts due to product prices will also be carefully considered.

The Commission intends to reconvene the Consultation Forum to discuss the current requirements and options for revising them. A proposal will be published for feedback on the Have Your Say portal and later, after favourable opinion by the Member State regulatory committee, sent for scrutiny to the European Parliament and Council in accordance with the applicable procedure.

[1] Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-related products (recast) (Text with EEA relevance), OJ L 285, 31.10.2009, p. 10–35.