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The Commission has not yet issued a proposal for new ecodesign requirements for solid fuel local space heaters (SFLSHs). The Commission has launched a dialogue with industry and other stakeholders, including Consultation Fora and a call for written input with industry and other stakeholders to prepare an impact assessment. In this context, preliminary elements and findings from the draft impact assessment have been presented to the members of the Consultation Forum on 25 June 2025, including data from industry and experts (e.g. test results, stock estimates, and information on technology, costs, and pricing), and independent expertise, e.g. from publicly available scientific studies, information from recognised environmental bodies and agencies, such as the European Environmental Agency. The information provides input to the assessment which is still ongoing.

The Commission seeks to provide full transparency to stakeholders about its initiatives, according to the Better Regulation principles. In the case of SFLSHs, two discussions have already taken place at the Consultation Forum, the last of them on 25 June 2025. In addition, any possible future draft legislative act will be tabled in the Have-Your-Say Commission portal for public scrutiny. The draft legislative act will guarantee the consideration of financial implications such as product affordability, which must, in all cases, be taken into account as legally required by the Ecodesign Framework Directive 2009/125/EC¹. Financial aspects will be analysed in the impact assessment, which will be scrutinised and approved by the independent Regulatory Scrutiny Board of the Commission.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2009/125/oj/eng>.