

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003586/25
to the Commission
Tobiasz Bocheński (ECR)
(17 September 2025)**

Subject: Lack of a representative database on actual SFLSH emissions

In its proposal for a revision of the Ecodesign Regulations for Solid Fuel Local Space Heaters (SFLSH), the Commission refers to data on particulate matter (PM) emissions, mainly from scientific literature published before 2020 and sources that do not refer to appliances that comply with current ecodesign requirements. The planned revision could lead to the withdrawal from use of hundreds of thousands of efficient wood and biomass heating appliances, which serve a vital backup role during periods when the energy grid is overloaded. The new technical requirements may eliminate more affordable heat sources used by lower-income households, especially in Poland and other Central and Eastern European countries. The proposal does not leave any room for flexibility for Member States with different housing structures, climates and heating infrastructure.

1. Does the Commission have representative field studies confirming that modern appliances certified in accordance with the current ecodesign standards emit particulate matter in quantities that justify tightening the rules?

2. If so, can the Commission indicate the data sources (studies) and measurement methodology it relied on when drafting the proposed changes?

3. If not, is the Commission considering suspending work on the project until such data can be obtained?

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**Answer given by Mr Jørgensen on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has not yet issued a proposal for new ecodesign requirements for space heaters and boilers. Since the Ecodesign Regulation provides for a revision of existing measures, the Commission has launched a dialogue with industry and other stakeholders, including a Consultation Forum and a call for written input with industry and other stakeholders to prepare an impact assessment Working documents to steer the exchanges with stakeholders at technical level have been shared by the Directorate-General for Energy. The documents include a clear disclaimer explaining that these documents do not represent the view of the Commission.

For the impact assessment, the Commission services draw on several sources, including data from industry and experts (e.g. test results, stock estimates, and information on technology, costs, and pricing), and uses the previous impact assessment and its preparatory study, as well as various publicly available scientific studies. Information from recognised environmental bodies and agencies, such as the European Environmental Agency, has also been taken into account.

The Commission is still collecting and assessing such data as part of the impact assessment that is still underway. The Impact Assessment will lay out which information has been used, and will be published when the review is concluded, in line with the normal procedures.

The Commission will continue its work on a review of the Ecodesign Regulation on solid fuel local space heaters.
