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The Commission has not yet issued a proposal for new ecodesign requirements for solid fuel local space heaters and no policy conclusions have been drawn. However, the current Ecodesign Regulation¹ provides for a review of the existing measures, and the Commission has therefore launched a dialogue with industry and other stakeholders, including a Consultation Forum and a call for written input, to prepare the impact assessment that will evaluate possible changes. The impact assessment will include an analysis of the impacts of different heating options on affordability, along with analysis of other social, economic as well as environmental impacts of different options.

The coherence with existing EU policies and legislative frameworks, including on climate, is an integral part of the impact assessment, which will duly consider the renewable nature of biomass.

Regarding user education, one of the measures being considered is a quick user guide to be provided with the product, whereby the manufacturer of the appliance explains to the user how to operate the appliance to optimise fuel combustion and minimise the emission of pollutants. Other complementary measures such as awareness campaigns are not in the scope of ecodesign but could be considered at national level.

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 (<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2015/1185/oj>).