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SUMMARY RECORD

MEETING OF THE REGULATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ECODSIGN OF ENERGY-RELATED PRODUCTS

DRAFT COMMISSION REGULATION IMPLEMENTING DIRECTIVE 2009/125/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO ECODSIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR VACUUM CLEANERS

BRUSSELS, 27 FEBRUARY 2013

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was endorsed without change.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting (13 July 2012)

The minutes were endorsed without change.

3. DRAFT COMMISSION REGULATION IMPLEMENTING DIRECTIVE 2009/125/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO ECODSIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR VACUUM CLEANERS - Presentation, Discussion and Vote

Presentation - discussion

The Commission services presented the text of the draft Regulation for discussion.

The Commission services reported on the Member State experts meeting on the energy labelling of vacuum cleaners that had been held beforehand. In that meeting Member States had suggested recommending to the Members of the ecodesign regulatory committee:

- to change the technical parameter that addresses the difference between dust pick-up after two and after five double strokes in the formula for annual energy consumption from 0.15 to 0.20.
- to increase the ecodesign requirements for dust pick up.
- to bring the application of the first tier of ecodesign requirements forward

by one year so that ecodesign and (draft) energy labelling requirements would apply at the same time. This would ensure that vacuum cleaners that have low energy use, but also low dust pick-up performance are not allowed on the market and thus could not claim good energy efficiency classes on the energy label.

Some Member States suggested modifications to the draft ecodesign proposal. Member States pointed out that there were a number of such modifications that would also be relevant for the delegated regulation on energy labelling of vacuum cleaners that the Commission intends to adopt soon.

Before the vote some amendments were agreed. The agreed amendments are as follows:

Article 2(9)

Member States agreed to include in the definition of industrial vacuum cleaners also vacuum cleaners designed for removing heavy dust from building, foundry, mining or food industry in order to exempt such vacuum cleaners from the regulation.

Article 2(15)

Member States agreed to change the definition of 'water filter vacuum cleaner' upon a comment received from a member of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), after the TBT (Technical Barriers to Trade) notification of the draft regulation, that water filter vacuum cleaners exist that use less than one litre of water.

Article 3 and Annex I

Member States agreed to bring the application of the first tier of ecodesign requirements forward by one year so that ecodesign and (draft) energy labelling requirements would apply at the same time. This would ensure that vacuum cleaners that have low energy use, but also low dust pick-up performance are not allowed on the market and thus could not claim good energy efficiency classes on the energy label.

Article 7 and recital 10

Member States agreed to include a separate review addressing the durability requirements for the hose and the motor one year before they start to apply, pointing out that such requirements had not been discussed in the ecodesign Consultation Forum.

Annex I, point 1

Member States agreed to increase the specific ecodesign requirement for dust pick up on carpet in the first tier to 0.70 and in the second tier to 0.75. They further agreed to increase the specific ecodesign requirement for dust pick up on hard floor in the second tier to 0.98.

Annex I, point 2

Member States agreed to apply the information requirements concerning non-destructive assembly and dismantling only to the technical documentation and the part for professionals of the free access websites of manufacturers and not to the booklet of instructions or free access websites of manufacturers in general.

Annex II, point 2(1)

Member States agreed to change the range for particle size applicable to the dust re-emission test from 0.4-10 µm to 0.3-10 µm upon a comment received from a member of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), after the TBT (Technical Barriers to Trade) notification of the draft regulation, that the latter range would fit better with the international standard for vacuum cleaners with regard to particle measurement equipment.

Annex II, point 3

Member States agreed to change the technical parameter that addresses the difference between dust pick-up after two and after five double strokes in the formula for annual energy consumption from 0.15 to 0.20.

Annex IV

Member States agreed to remove benchmarks for battery driven vacuum cleaners since they are not in the scope and to add benchmarks for dust re-emission and sound power level.

Minor mistakes were also corrected in terms of language and of consistency across the document and with other documents.

Vote

The vote took place on the amended draft proposal as agreed during the discussion.

One Member State was represented by another Member State in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

Twenty-four Member States gave a favourable vote to the draft Commission Regulation, one Member State gave a negative vote and two Member States were not represented. The total weighted votes in favour were 301. The qualified majority was achieved and the Committee adopted a positive opinion on the *"Draft Commission Regulation implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for vacuum cleaners"*.

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