

Energy efficiency: requirements for ballasts for fluorescent lighting

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The Common Position is similar to the Commission's initial proposal and accepts, in full or partially, 12 out of the 19 amendments adopted by the European Parliament in its first reading. The Council deems it necessary to provide a third phase in order to improve energy efficiency. The Common Position emphasises, and makes it clearly explicit to all interested parties, that an additional effort shall be vital. Furthermore, the Council believes that it is too early, as from now, to set the objectives of the third phase. Any new objective, or even any other measure, should be created based on an evaluation by the Commission of the progress made during the two initial phases and also take into consideration technical as well as economic conditions at the time.