Energy: a review of Community energy legislation

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At the request of the "Energy" Council, the Commission has presented a report on Community legislation in the energy sector, accompanied by proposals to simplify and reduce Community legislation as and where necessary and possible. The Commission has taken account in its report of the opinions of the SAVE advisory committee (for provisions relating to energy efficiency) and of the Oil Supply Committee. Having studied both areas, i.e. the rational use of energy and oil, the Commission has proposed that the Council: A) abolish the following texts: - relating to the rational use of energy: 1. Council Recommendation 76/492/EEC on the rational use of energy by promoting the thermal insulation of buildings; 2. Recommendation 76/493/EEC on the rational use of energy in the heating systems of existing buildings; 3. Recommendation 77/712/EEC on the regulating of space heating, the production of domestic hot water and the metering of heat in new buildings; 4. Recommendation 79/167/ECSC, EEC, EURATOM on the reduction of energy requirements for buildings in the Community; 5. Recommendation 76/496/EEC on the rational use of energy for electrical household appliances; - relating to oil: 1. Regulation (EEC) No 1038/79 on Community support for a hydrocarbon exploration project in Greenland; 2. Regulations (EEC) 1055/72, (EEC) 3254/74 and (EEC) 388/75 on notifying the Commission of imports and exports of crude oil and petroleum products; B) maintain Directive 76/491/EEC regarding a Community procedure for information and consultation on the prices of crude oil and petroleum products in the Community; C) maintain, in relation to the rational use of energy: 1. Council Recommendation 77 /713/EEC on the rational use of energy in industrial undertakings; 2. Directive 78/170/EEC on the performance of heat generators for space heating and the production of hot water in new or existing non-industrial buildings; D) maintain temporarily in relation to oil: 1. Decision 77/186/EEC on the exporting of crude oil and petroleum products from one Member State to another in the event of supply difficulties; 2. Decision 77/706/EEC on the setting of a Community target for a reduction in the consumption of primary sources of energy in the event of difficulties in the supply of crude oil and petroleum products; 3. Directive 75/339/EEC on minimum stocks of fossil fuel at thermal power stations.