

Ecodesign requirements for energy-using products

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The Commission can accept in full all 24 amendments adopted by the European Parliament which are a result of a compromise package agreed between the Parliament and the Council for the second reading.

The amendments to the common position refer mainly to:

- definitions (in particular for importers and their responsibilities);
- strengthening of market surveillance;
- provisions for SMEs and consumer information;
- new formulation in Article 12 requiring action to be taken when an energy-using product fulfils the selection criteria;
- increased focus on energy efficiency in Article 12 when considering the life cycle and best performing products to be taken into account when setting criteria;
- introduction of a list of products to be addressed first;
- introduction of indicative criteria for admissibility of self-regulatory activities as an alternative to an implementing measure;
- modifications in Annex I, in particular part 3, clarifying the scope of the assessment to be performed by the manufacturer.