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## **Summary of the Workshop on implementation of the Ecodesign of EuP directive (2005/32/EC)**

Held on 21 November 2006 (14:00 – 17.00)

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The main objective of the workshop was to share information on the implementation process of Ecodesign of EuP framework directive (2005/32/EC), including an update on the ongoing preparatory studies preparing for implementing measures on specific product groups.

The workshop started with a short introduction about the framework directive and the background of the workshop. Then, three presentations were given by representatives of the Commission, followed by a Q&A session.

### **Presentations presented at the workshop**

1. Presentation of the Ecodesign EuP framework (philosophy, law and method)
2. Presentation of synergies with other EU policies (energy label, Energy Star, ecolabel, WEEE, RoHS etc.)
3. Presentation of next steps: State of play of the different studies, the Consultation Forum and the Regulatory Committee.

### **Main observations from the workshop**

- Regarding implementing measures: The Commission representatives pointed out that the implementing measures referred to in the Ecodesign of EuP framework directive can be implementing directives, decisions or regulations. It is not decided if the same legal form will be used for all product groups, this may vary between different product and policy options.
- Regarding harmonised standards: Harmonised standards are important for the achievement of a functioning EuP Directive. According to the Commission representatives, it is important to try to develop appropriate standards as soon as possible, although in some cases it could be difficult to develop harmonised standards in advance of the implementation of Ecodesign measures. The importance of good and close cooperation with the European Standardisation bodies (CEN, CENELEC) was emphasised.
- Regarding conformity assessment: The conformity assessment procedures to apply will be defined in the implementing measures. Priority will be given to manufacturers

self assessment –module A- but other procedures from the module decision 93/465/EEC may be used if justified.

- Regarding the connection between Ecodesign of EuP directive and the WEEE directive and RoHS directive: One of the intentions of the Ecodesign of EuP directive is to provide the manufacturers with incentive to facilitate the compliance with the WEEE directive. The ongoing revision of the RoHS and WEEE directives will have to take into account all existing legislation and measures, including the Ecodesign of EuP framework directive. If actual overlap between the WEEE and RoHS directives and the Ecodesign of EuP directive is identified this has to be addressed, however not at this stage of the process.
- Regarding market surveillance: Good market surveillance is fundamental for the compliance of the Ecodesign of EuP framework directive. A good coordination between national market surveillance authorities, Member States and the Commission can contribute to this. Good examples of administrative cooperation can be found in relation to the follow-up of other directives, so called ADCO groups. The Commission will look into ways to facilitate such cooperation. Input from Member States and stakeholders on possible ways to achieve good coordination is welcomed.
- Regarding a transparent process and the role of the Consultation Forum: The importance of keeping the process as transparent as possible was underlined. In order to keep the Consultation Forum at a manageable size there will be a limited number of participants. Those who showed interest in participating in the forum have been notified about the selection, although the list of participants is not yet public. The Consultation Forum will have a balanced structure and the Commission will ensure that all interested parties, not only the members of the Forum, will have access to all documents, minutes etc. concerning the Forum (for example by using the CIRCA website). The Consultation Forum will concentrate its discussion on draft implementing measures and their impact assessments. The facts forming the basis for these measures will be presented in the preparatory studies before the Commission starts work on the draft measures. Stakeholders have the full opportunity to provide inputs and comments on the ongoing preparatory studies via the WEB pages of each study. Both NGO and industry representatives welcomed the transparent approach taken by the Commission in the implementation of the Directive.
- Regarding the Working Plan: The Directive provides that the Working Plan should be adopted by July 2007. The Working Plan will include a list of priority product groups to be subject to further preparatory studies for Ecodesign implementing measures in the period 2007-2010.
- Regarding the significant volume of sales of a EuP: According to article 15 in the Directive a EuP shall represent a significant volume of sales. A significant volume is indicated to be about 200 000 units a year within the Community according to the most recently available figures. For product groups whose volumes of sales are substantially under that figure, but counting for a significant environmental impact within the Community, this could be addressed in the context of the first review of the directive after 2010.
- Regarding standby losses: It was noted that it is important to address the issue of standby losses in both a horizontal study on the issue as well as in the study of each particular product. The horizontal study on standby losses progress according to the timetable and a draft final report will be presented in March 2007

- Regarding EuP in relation with international issues. It was noted that it is important to monitor and take into account possible relations between the development of European legislation regarding EuPs and development on these issues on an international basis. In relation to this it was mentioned that one of the events at the European Union Sustainable Energy Week 2007 will be focusing on international issues.

### **Practical information given in the workshop**

There are two upcoming events related to the preparatory studies on battery chargers and external power supplies and street lighting.

15. December: Workshop on the draft final report of the battery chargers and external power supplies study.

18. December: Workshop on the draft final report of the street lighting study.

### **Attachments**

1. Agenda
2. PowerPoint presentations