

Gas Appliances Directive (90/396/EEC)	
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Guideline related to:

CHAPTER	I	Scope, placing on the market and free movement
Article	1	
Paragraph	1	
Subject	Interpretation of “heating”	

Article 1
<p>1. This Directive shall apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — appliances burning gaseous fuels used for cooking, heating, hot water production, refrigeration, lighting or washing and having, where applicable, a normal water temperature not exceeding 105 °C, hereinafter referred to as ‘appliances’. Forced draught burners and heating bodies to be equipped with such burners will also be considered as appliances, — safety devices, controlling devices or regulating devices and subassemblies, other than forced draught burners and heating bodies to be equipped with such burners separately marketed for trade use and designed to be incorporated into an appliance burning gaseous fuel or assembled to constitute such an appliance, hereinafter referred to as ‘fittings’.

Question

Some linguistic versions of the directive suggest that heating covers only space heating, whilst others allow a wider interpretation. The question therefore arises, whether “heating” covers only space heating or also other applications of heating?

Discussion

Article 1.1 gives specific list of the types of applications covered.

It results from this list that when the application/use implies the heating of some material (e.g. food, water etc.), this is already separately indicated.

Therefore, heating refers in this context to space heating and not to the application of heat for other purposes.

Conclusion

Heating refers only to space heating.

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