

STATEMENT

More efficient heating in Europe: Yes... but for everyone!

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Eurofuel is very pleased that the long process in developing the framework for the calculation of an energy label for boilers has finally come to an end. Labels indicating the efficiency of heaters will be a reality as soon as in 2015. After years of intense work in consultation with public authorities, the industry and civil society organisations, the European Commission published today major regulations setting minimum **ecodesign standards and energy labelling** rules for space heaters and water heaters.

Eurofuel, the European association promoting the use of liquid fuels for domestic heating, welcomes the adoption of these measures, which should stimulate the most efficient categories of boilers, thus **reducing climate impact and energy bills**. Eurofuel and its members promote best practices in the efficient use of heating oil for domestic heating, increasingly including the combination with renewable energy sources. Therefore we have been very much supportive to the adoption of ecodesign and energy labelling rules for heaters. We are pleased to be assisted in these efforts with an EU set of minimum standards and an efficiency labelling system.

However, Eurofuel is very much concerned with the planned change of labelling classes after six years, which will in fact **prevent the most efficient condensing boilers** powered by gas or oil from reaching a label in the green category. A big majority of European households use gas or oil for heating. As a matter of fact, up to **40% energy savings can be achieved** by modernising their heating appliances while keeping their energy source, provided they are incited to do so.

“The fact that high efficient boilers will not be able to get a green label will clearly discourage people from modernising their heating systems. At the end of the day, many households will keep their old inefficient systems in operation”, said Prof. Christian Küchen, Eurofuel’s President.

This is why our industry will continue to offer constructive support, throughout the implementation phase and future revisions, to ensure that these major regulations reach their fundamental objective: Enabling each European citizen to save energy at an affordable cost.

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About Eurofuel

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