

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3094/02  
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to the Commission

Subject: Gas appliances directive

A firm from Germany is proposing to install gas appliances, of a type mainly used in the Netherlands and bearing a European CE number, in German homes. The German gas supplier has informed the firm that it will refuse to connect these appliances to the supply network, because the German assembly instructions have not been met. It claims that differentiation on a national basis is necessary on the grounds of different types of gas and differing gas pressures in Europe.

1. Can this case be reconciled with the EC Gas Appliances Directive?
2. Even though the appliances in question bear a CE number, the national gas supplier in Germany refuses to connect them. How does the Commission explain this situation?