

**Question for written answer E-005576/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Heat pumps and the internal market

According to the Commission's answer of 6 March 2015 to Written Question E-010143/2014, the carrying out of tests by a third party is not mandatory and cannot be imposed unilaterally by a Member State, but that is what has been happening in Denmark.

Does the Commission intend to ask the Danish Government - the Danish Energy Agency in this instance - to stop insisting on special Danish testing of heat pumps as a condition for payment of subsidies for them?

That testing is clearly anti-competitive and contrary to the rules governing the internal market.

The Danish Energy Agency has made clear its intention to continue insisting on such testing after the entry into force of the Ecodesign Directive at the end of September 2015, which will prolong the problem and risks further reducing sales of heat pumps in Denmark.

The Danish Energy Agency administers the anti-competitive subsidy scheme for heat pumps via the sparenergi.dk website, where it is clearly stated that special Danish rules apply to subsidies for replacing energy installations with heat pumps.

What does the Commission intend to do about this problem?