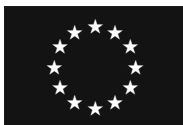


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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 81(2) and (4)(b) of the Rules of Procedure

by the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

on the draft Commission directive implementing Council Directive 92/75/EEC
with regard to energy labelling of household refrigerating appliances

European Parliament resolution on the draft Commission directive implementing Council Directive 92/75/EEC with regard to energy labelling of household refrigerating appliances

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Council Directive 92/75/EEC of 22 September 1992 on the indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by household appliances¹, and in particular Articles 9 and 12 thereof,
- having regard to Commission Directive 94/2/EC of 21 January 1994 implementing Council Directive 92/75/EEC with regard to energy labelling of household electric refrigerators, freezers and their combinations²,
- having regard to Commission Directive 2003/66/EC of 3 July 2003 amending Directive 94/2/EC implementing Council Directive 92/75/EEC with regard to energy labelling of household electric refrigerators, freezers and their combinations,
- having regard to the draft Commission directive .../.../EC implementing Council Directive 92/75/EEC with regard to energy labelling of household refrigerating appliances,
- having regard to the opinion delivered on 30 March 2009 by the committee referred to in Article 10 of Council Directive 92/75/EEC,
- having regard to the Commission Communication of 19 October 2006 entitled "Action Plan for Energy Efficiency: Realising the Potential" (COM(2006)0545),
- having regard to the Commission proposal of 13 November 2008 for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by energy-related products (COM(2008)0778),
- having regard to the adopted report by its Committee on Industry, Research and Energy on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by energy-related products (recast) (A6-0146/2009)
- having regard to Article 5a(3)(b) of Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission³,

¹ OJ L 297, 13.10.1992, p. 16.

² OJ L 45, 17.2.1994, p. 1.

³ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

- having regard to Rule 81(2) and 4(b) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the main aim of Directive 92/75/EEC (the Framework Directive) as stated in Article 1 is to "enable the harmonization of national measures on the publication, particularly by means of labelling and of product information, of information on the consumption of energy and of other essential resources, and additional information concerning certain types of household appliances, thereby allowing consumers to choose more energy-efficient appliances",
- B. whereas the Framework Directive also states that "the provision of accurate, relevant and comparable information on the specific energy consumption of household appliances may influence the public's choice in favour of those appliances which consume less energy",
- C. whereas Directive 94/2/EC implementing the Framework Directive lays down the specific requirements for label design and sets the energy efficiency classes for household electric refrigerators, freezers and their combinations,
- D. whereas as a result of the rapid increase of efficiency class A appliances Directive 94/2/EC has introduced two additional classes A+ and A++ "as an interim arrangement until a comprehensive revision of the energy labelling classes takes place",
- E. whereas it is stated in the above-mentioned Commission Communication that: "The existing labelling classifications will be upgraded and re-scaled every 5 years or when new technological developments justify it, based on eco-design studies, with a view to reserve A-label status for the top 10 – 20 % best performing equipment",
- F. whereas it is essential for the successful implementation of the energy labelling scheme to introduce measures that will provide information on the energy-efficiency of household appliances that is clear, comprehensive, comparable and easily-understandable to the consumer,
- G. whereas the draft Commission directive, in particular with regards the energy label design and energy efficiency classes, introduces another change by adding new A classes (A-20%, A-40%, A-60%, for example,) which have the potential to confuse consumers further, to hamper their proper understanding of the energy labelling scheme and to undermine their ability to choose appliances with higher energy efficiency,
- H. whereas such a measure does not serve the aim of the basic instrument in providing accurate, relevant and comparable information to consumers,
- I. whereas the Commission has put forward its proposal for a recast of the Framework Directive which could introduce further changes that would have an effect on the proposed implementing measures,
 1. Opposes adoption of the draft Commission directive implementing Council Directive 92/75/EEC with regard to energy labelling of household refrigerating appliances;
 2. Considers that the draft Commission directive is not compatible with the aim of the basic instrument;

3. Calls on the Commission to withdraw the draft directive and to submit a new one to the committee;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission, and to the governments and the parliaments of the Member States;