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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Christel Schaldemose
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A longer lifetime for products: benefits for consumers and companies
(2016/2272(INI))

Amendment 1
Mark Demesmaeker

Draft opinion
Recital -A (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-A. whereas, in view of the Union's dependence on the import of raw materials and the rapid depletion of a significant amount of natural resources over the short term, it is a key challenge to reclaim as many resources as possible within the Union and to enhance the transition towards a circular economy;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Mark Demesmaeker

Draft opinion
Recital -A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-A a. whereas, in order to make the economy truly circular, it is necessary to take additional measures on sustainable production and consumption, focusing on the whole life cycle of products in a way that preserves resources and closes the loop. Using resources more efficiently would also bring substantial net savings for Union businesses, public authorities and consumers while reducing total annual greenhouse gas emissions;

Or. en

Amendment 3
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the extension of product lifetimes should be seen in the context of the need for a holistic change in how we produce and consume;

Amendment

A. whereas the extension of product lifetimes should be seen in the context of the need for a holistic change in how we produce and consume, ***as part of the transition to a circular economy that will help bring economic, social and environmental benefits;***

Or. pt

Amendment 4
Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 laying down measures concerning open internet access and amending Directive 2002/22/EC on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services and Regulation (EU) No 531/2012 on roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union and the respective implementing guidelines of BEREC;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas the current economic model, based in large part on the

manufacture of consumer goods in countries with low wage and production costs, presupposes that consumers will replace those consumer goods at frequent intervals;

Or. fr

Amendment 6

Massimo Paolucci, Simona Bonafè, Nicola Caputo, Elena Gentile

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas the Seventh Environmental Action Programme calls for specific measures to improve durability, repairability and reusability and to extend the lifetime of products;

Or. it

Amendment 7

Mark Demesmaeker

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. whereas Extended Producer Responsibility has an important role to play in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas the reduced durability of products may in some cases stem from deliberate design practices ('planned obsolescence'), although it is difficult to prove that such practices are in fact deliberate;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Mark Demesmaeker

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A b. whereas the report "Growth Within: a Circular Economy vision for a competitive Europe" from the Ellen MacArthur Foundation clearly demonstrates the opportunities of shifting to new business models, such as selling services instead of products;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ac. whereas the decline in the quality of consumer goods, brought about by the downward pressure on manufacturing costs exerted by international competition, is the main cause of that reduced durability;

Or. fr

Amendment 11
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the achievement of a circular economy model requires changes not only to the design and sale of **goods** and services, but also **to consumer behaviour**;

Amendment

B. whereas the achievement of a circular economy model requires **the involvement of political decision-makers, citizens and businesses and implies** changes not only to the design and sale of **products** and services, but also **among consumers and in business activity, through the creation of new markets that respond to changes in consumption patterns, evolving towards the use, reuse and sharing of products, helping to extend their useful life and helping to create competitive, lasting and sustainable products**;

Or. pt

Amendment 12
Claudiu Ciprian Tănăsescu

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the achievement of a circular economy model requires changes not only to the design and sale of goods and services, but also to consumer behaviour;

Amendment

B. whereas the achievement of a circular economy model requires changes **in mentality and perspective, changes** not only to the design and sale of goods and services, but also to consumer behaviour;

Or. ro

Amendment 13
Peter Liese

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. *whereas in many lamps the bulbs cannot be replaced, which can lead to problems if a bulb stops working, if newer, more efficient bulbs appear on the market or if the customer's preference, for example as regards the colour of the light emitted, changes, because the whole lamp has to be replaced;*

Or. de

Amendment 14

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. *whereas, however, consumer behaviour is determined by the choice of products on the market and the availability of information about those products, in particular as regards their standard lifetimes, the availability of spare parts and repair costs;*

Or. fr

Amendment 15

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion

Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. *whereas, as the circular economy develops, further steps must be taken to encourage the repairability, adaptability, upgradeability, durability and recycleability of products, in order to extend the lifetimes and the useful life of products and/or product components;*

Amendment 16
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B a. whereas the extension of products' lifetimes is likely to reduce the environmental impacts during their lifecycles and to lead to benefits largely resulting from "avoiding" manufacturing and supply chain impacts;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the first links in the waste management hierarchy, reduction and preparation for reuse, are the most important with a view to launching a zero waste strategy;

Or. es

Amendment 18
Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B a. whereas the Europe's consumption of natural resources has increased by some 50 % over the last 30 years and we

consume 43 kg of resources per person per day;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Nicola Caputo, Christel Schaldemose, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică

Draft opinion

Recital B a (new)

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Amendment

B a. whereas it is both economically and environmentally necessary to preserve raw materials and limit the production of waste;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

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Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas consumers' preference for replacing a product which has become prematurely obsolete or which no longer works, rather than having it repaired or modified, has led to a scarcity of professionals specialising in the repair of such products, for example in the electronics sector, whereas this scarcity is a further incentive for consumers to replace products, and whereas, in the context of the circular economy, there is an urgent need to inject fresh blood into professions whose work involves the repair of consumer goods, in order to offer consumers an alternative to simply throwing products away and replacing them;

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas ever greater product diversity, ever shorter innovation cycles and constantly changing fashions are increasing the frequency with which new products are purchased and thus shortening the useful life of products;

Or. de

Amendment 22
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas great potential is offered by the repair, second-hand and exchange sector, i.e. the sector working with the aim of extending product lifetimes;

Or. es

Amendment 23
Peter Liese

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas LED bulbs should ideally be replaceable, not irremovable, elements;

Or. de

Amendment 24
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B b. whereas there is a need to promote longer product lifespans, in particular by tackling planned obsolescence;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas Sweden has been one country to introduce incentive schemes for firms operating in the consumer goods repair sector, and whereas such schemes could help to raise the profile of repair activities and ensure that they are more readily available to consumers;

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas a balance should be struck between the aim of extending product lifetimes and safeguarding an environment which still offers incentives for innovation and further development;

Amendment 27
Peter Liese

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas reports are emerging that smart phones are deliberately being designed to stop working properly after one or two years;

Amendment 28
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Recital B d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bd. whereas EU consumer law and national laws already make provision for statutory warranties covering the conformity of or hidden defects affecting consumer goods, and whereas making these warranties more stringent as regards their duration or the burden of proof and providing consumers with information about their enforcement can help to change the behaviour of consumers who would prefer to have a product which does not work or which is prematurely obsolete repaired rather than replace it with a new one;

Amendment 29
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that a balance must be struck between the extension of product lifetimes *and* waste, innovation, *environment* and growth policy and considers that the development of increasingly resource-efficient products *must not encourage short lifetimes or the premature disposal* of products;

Amendment

1. Stresses that a balance must be struck between *all the phases in the cycle of the product and the materials*, the extension of product lifetimes, *the conversion of waste into resources (secondary raw materials), industrial symbiosis*, innovation, and growth policy and considers that the development of increasingly resource-efficient products *should promote the sustainable production of raw materials, guaranteeing the repairability and recyclability* of products *and the fight against planned obsolescence*;

Or. pt

Amendment 30
Gesine Meissner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that a balance must be struck between the extension of product lifetimes and waste, innovation, environment and growth policy and considers that the development of increasingly resource-efficient products must not encourage short lifetimes or the premature disposal of products;

Amendment

1. Stresses that a balance must be struck between the extension of product lifetimes and waste, innovation, *consumer demand*, environment and growth policy and considers that the development of increasingly resource-efficient products must not encourage short lifetimes or the premature disposal of products;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Massimo Paolucci, Simona Bonafè, Nicola Caputo, Elena Gentile

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that extending the lifetime of products is one of the main factors in a transition to a circular economy, which should be pursued by means of strategies to promote the reuse and reconditioning of products and their components;

Or. it

Amendment 32

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Takes the view, in that connection, that some public policies, in particular at EU level, have encouraged people to throw away products which still work and replace them with products seen as environmentally friendly;

Or. fr

Amendment 33

Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Calls on Member States to take appropriate measures to combat planned obsolescence and to increase consumer empowerment through improved product information;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the shift to ‘products as services’ has the potential to improve the sustainability of production and consumption patterns, provided that product-service systems do not result in shortened product lifetimes;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the shift to ‘products as services’, **and in general a transition from ownership to use**, has the potential to improve the sustainability of production and consumption patterns, provided that product-service systems do not result in shortened product lifetimes;

Or. en

**Amendment 35
Christel Schaldemose**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the shift to ‘products as services’ has the potential to improve the sustainability of production and consumption patterns, provided that product-service systems do not result in shortened product lifetimes;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the shift to ‘products as services’ has the potential to improve the sustainability of production and consumption patterns, provided that product-service systems do not result in shortened product lifetimes **and tax evasion e.g. on leasing of vehicles**;

Or. en

**Amendment 36
Mark Demesmaeker**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the shift to ‘products as services’ has the potential to improve the sustainability of production and consumption patterns, provided that

Amendment

2. Highlights that the shift to **new business models, such as** ‘products as services’, has the potential to improve the sustainability of production and

product-service systems do not result in shortened product lifetimes;

consumption patterns, provided that product-service systems do not result in shortened product lifetimes;

Or. en

Amendment 37
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the shift to ‘products as services’ has the potential to improve the sustainability of production and consumption patterns, provided that product-service systems do not result in shortened product lifetimes;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the shift to *a* ‘products as services’ *model* has the potential to improve the sustainability of production and consumption patterns, provided that product-service systems do not result in shortened product lifetimes;

Or. pt

Amendment 38
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to encourage the development, production and marketing of products that are suitable for multiple use, that are technically durable and easily repairable and that are, after having become waste and been prepared for re-use or recycled, suitable to be made available on the market or placed on the market in order to facilitate proper implementation of the waste hierarchy. The measures shall take into account the impact of products throughout their life cycle and the waste hierarchy.

Or. en

Amendment 39

Mireille D'Ornano, Mireille D'Ornano, Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Takes the view that the new economic model referred to above, based on the 'sharing economy', could have a positive impact on the durability of consumer goods covered by 'products as services' schemes, but that it will also have more general implications for social and economic systems and, in particular, for employment law and working conditions;

Or. fr

Amendment 40

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Emphasises that the development of new business models, such as internet-based services, new forms of marketing, department stores selling only used goods and the more widespread availability of informal repair facilities (repair cafes, workshops in which people can do their own repairs) can help to extend product lifetimes and at the same time increase consumers' awareness of and trust in products with a long lifetime;

Or. de

Amendment 41

Mark Demesmaeker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Highlights that the promotion and support of sustainable production and consumption models, the use of products that are resource-efficient, durable, easy to share, reusable, repairable and recyclable as well as the discouragement of placing products with planned obsolescence on the market, are key aspects of waste prevention;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. Notes the role of commercial strategies such as product leasing, at the designing of durable product. Leasing firms retain ownership of the leased units and those can have the incentive to remarket products to invest in designing more durable products, resulting in a lower volume of new production and disposal products;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Emphasises that the qualities that

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make a product repairable, durable, reusable and recyclable should be incorporated into its design since the amount of resources that a product uses is largely determined at the design phase;

make a product repairable, durable, reusable and recyclable should be incorporated into its design since the amount of resources that a product uses is largely determined at the design phase;
points out that product design is an important factor in the transition to the circular economy, because it has implications for the life cycle of the product in question;

Or. de

Amendment 44
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Emphasises that the qualities that make a product repairable, durable, reusable and recyclable should be incorporated into its design since the amount of resources that a product uses is largely determined at the design phase;***

Amendment

3. ***Notes that the shift to a more circular economy means considering the whole life cycle of products and materials, improving resource efficiency, taking account of all significant environmental impacts throughout the life cycle and systematically addressing material efficiency aspects such as durability and recyclability;***

Or. pt

Amendment 45
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

3 a. In order to ensure the development of non-toxic material cycles calls on Commission and Member States to increase their efforts to substitute substances of very high concern and to restrict substances that pose unacceptable

Amendment

risks to human health or the environment;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Mark Demesmaeker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Emphasises that Member States should incentivise the extension of the life span of products, where environmentally beneficial, and support the setting up of systems promoting repair, re-use, remanufacturing and reconditioning activities of products;*

Or. en

Amendment 47
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Mireille D'Ornano

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Takes the view that the Member States can introduce in their national law statutory warranties which cover, for example, the availability of spare parts essential for the usability of the product concerned;*

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Notes that a better design for reparability is needed, being crucial that spare parts will be made available primarily for those products where a live-time expansion can be achieved in a cost-effective manner;*

Or. en

Amendment 49
Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Notes that reparability, upgradeability, design for disassembly, information and ease of reuse are characteristics which are inherently part of the durability of a product;*

Or. en

Amendment 50
Françoise Grossetête, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Supports the establishment at EU level of a definition of planned obsolescence and the introduction of measures to penalise the practices concerned;*

Or. fr

Amendment 51

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that the list of new products based on eco-design should be more ambitious and include more products;

Or. es

**Amendment 52
Mark Demesmaeker**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Refers to the pioneering role of some Member States in this regard, such as the initiative of the Benelux-countries to combat planned obsolescence and to extend the life span of (electrical) household appliances; stresses the importance of sharing best practices in this regard;

Or. en

**Amendment 53
Françoise Grossetête, Angélique Delahaye**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Regards it as essential that consumers should be better informed about the way the statutory guarantee of conformity works; calls for a reference to that guarantee to appear in words on the invoice for the purchase of the product;

Amendment 54
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Recalls that the availability of standardised and modular components, disassembly planning, long-duration product design and efficient production processes have an important role to play in implementing successful circular economy;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to oblige the manufactures to make clear repair instructions publicly available to enable non-destructive disassembly and replacement of key components or parts for upgrades or repairs;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on Member States to foster institutional campaigns to promote activities involving repairing, second-hand buying and selling, renting and exchanging, thus avoiding the purchase of new products;

Or. es

Amendment 57
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 c. Calls on Commission to assess the possibility of establishing minimum recycled material content in new products;

Or. en

Amendment 58
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Notes the Commission's Ecodesign Work Plan 2016-2019; welcomes especially the inclusion of product durability as a possible environmental standard *of its own*;

4. Notes the Commission's Ecodesign Work Plan 2016-2019; welcomes especially the inclusion of product durability as a possible environmental standard *in relation to material efficiency aspects, including extending the lifespan of products, the ability to reuse components or recycle materials from end-of-life products, and the use of reused components and/or recycled materials in products*;

Or. pt

Amendment 59
Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the Commission's Ecodesign Work Plan 2016-2019; welcomes especially the inclusion of product durability as a possible environmental standard of its own;

Amendment

4. Notes the Commission's Ecodesign Work Plan 2016-2019; welcomes especially the inclusion of product durability **and ease of reuse** as a possible environmental standard of its own **and calls for product-specific and horizontal requirements on ease of repair**;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Nicola Caputo, Christel Schaldemose, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes the Commission's Ecodesign Work Plan 2016-2019; welcomes especially the inclusion of product durability as a possible environmental standard of its own;

Amendment

4. Notes the Commission's Ecodesign Work Plan 2016-2019; welcomes especially the inclusion of product durability **and recyclability** as a possible environmental standard of its own;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Calls for the coverage of as many as possible products, included non energy related ones, in the Ecodesign work plan;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Massimo Paolucci, Simona Bonafè, Nicola Caputo, Elena Gentile

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Reiterates its call on the Commission to propose a review of ecodesign legislation in order to extend its scope to all the main product groups and not only to these which use energy, and to gradually include all characteristics relating to efficiency of resource use among product design requirements;

Or. it

Amendment 63

Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Calls on Commission to broaden the scope of ecodesign legislation in order to cover all main product groups, including non-energy related product groups, and gradually to include relevant resource-efficiency features in the mandatory requirements for product design and to adapt ecolabelling provisions;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Emphasises that the Ecodesign Directive and Directive 2010/30/EU constitute an EU legal basis for laying down standards on product durability, but points out that the two directives in question apply only to specific categories of products;*

Or. fr

Amendment 65
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Calls on the European Committee for Standardisation, which promotes voluntary technical standardisation, to integrate the voice of consumers, environmental organisations and trade unions into its work;*

Or. es

Amendment 66
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. *Notes that technical standardisation has a threefold role to play to improve durability of goods;*

Or. en

Amendment 67
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Stresses that any EU or national legislation must incorporate a definition of product durability, which may vary depending on the type of product concerned, set realistic standard lifetimes for products (in hours or number of cycles, as appropriate) and introduce suitable measurement methods;*

Or. fr

Amendment 68
Massimo Paolucci, Simona Bonafè, Nicola Caputo, Elena Gentile

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Stresses that a longer lifetime for products presupposes the adoption of measures against programmed obsolescence, and requires standardised and modular components to be available, which are easier to replace, together with functional design which, inter alia, takes into account dismantling;*

Or. it

Amendment 69
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. *Calls on the Commission to propose appropriate measures on the availability of spare parts so as to ensure*

the reparability of products during their lifetime;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Stresses that the process of defining a standard lifetime is made difficult by the complexity of most products and is particularly difficult in sectors in which technological progress is significant and frequent, such as the electronics sector, but that these sectors must at all costs be covered by any legislative act on product durability;

Or. fr

Amendment 71

Massimo Paolucci, Simona Bonafè, Nicola Caputo, Elena Gentile

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Repeats its call on the Commission to assess, on the basis of a cost-benefit analysis, the possibility of setting minimum values for recyclable materials in new products in ecodesign legislation;

Or. it

Amendment 72

Davor Škrlec

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Paragraph 4 c (new)

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Amendment

4 c. *Recognises the importance of collaborative economy and sharing economy platforms as new sustainable business models promoting more efficient use of products and their longer lifespan;*

Or. en

Amendment 73

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4d. *Stresses that the definitions of standard lifetimes must be drawn up by the EU or national authorities in cooperation with the relevant industries and consumer associations, given that the lifetimes will be legally binding, since consumers may invoke them as a form of statutory warranty;*

Or. fr

Amendment 74

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4e. *Takes the view that the directives referred to above must apply to consumer goods in common use, and in particular to all heating equipment and to electronic equipment, given the speed of technological progress in that sector;*

Or. fr

Amendment 75

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4f. Stresses the importance of introducing legal provisions specifying the period during which spare parts essential to the usability of a product must be available;

Or. fr

Amendment 76

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to consider reviewing the Batteries Directive (2006/66/EC) to include an obligation for manufacturers to design products in a way that makes battery replacement possible;

5. Points out that the replaceability of batteries which have reached the end of their useful life is an important factor in extending product lifetimes; Calls on the Commission to consider reviewing the Batteries Directive (2006/66/EC) to include an obligation for manufacturers to design products in a way that makes battery replacement possible;

Or. de

Amendment 77

José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to

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consider reviewing the Batteries Directive (2006/66/EC) to include an obligation for manufacturers to design products in a way that makes battery replacement possible;

consider reviewing the Batteries Directive (2006/66/EC) to include an obligation for manufacturers to design products in a way that makes battery replacement possible **and improving the legislation regarding certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment;**

Or. pt

Amendment 78
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to **consider reviewing** the Batteries Directive (2006/66/EC) **to include an obligation for manufacturers to design products in a way that makes battery replacement possible;**

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to **ensure that the requirements for the removal of batteries and accumulators of the Batteries Directive (2006/66/EC) are fully applied and enforced by Member States and to encourage business models developing the reuse of the batteries;**

Or. en

Amendment 79
Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5 a. Notes with concern the amount of electronic waste generated by modems, routers, and TV decoders/ set-top boxes when consumers switch to a new telecom provider; reminds consumers and telecom providers that according to EU/2015/2120 consumers already have the right to use the terminal equipment of their choice when switching to a new telecom provider;

Amendment

Amendment 80

Peter Liese

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to consider how the replaceability of LED bulbs can be encouraged and facilitated and to consider, in addition to ecodesign measures, a less stringent approach involving, for example, labelling, incentive schemes, public procurement or an extended warranty if the bulbs cannot be removed;

Or. de

Amendment 81

Françoise Grossetête, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to make the necessary changes to Directive 2011/83/EU on consumers' rights so that the requirements on the provision of information about the period of time for which spare parts will be available apply to on-line sales sites as well as physical points of sale;

Or. fr

Amendment 82

Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion

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Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Points out that responsible product use hinges on consumers being able accurately to assess the environmental impact of products on the basis of their life cycle, their environmental footprint and their quality;*

Or. de

Amendment 83

Françoise Grossetête, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. *Emphasises the difficulty of introducing compulsory labelling to provide information on the expected lifetimes of products; proposes that a labelling system of this kind should initially be the subject of a voluntary trial at EU level, on the basis of a common format and methodology;*

Or. fr

Amendment 84

Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. *Points out that a large amount of electronic waste is due to the fact that producers are no longer able to provide software updates compatible with hardware; believes that producers should be required to provide compatible software updates;*

Amendment 85
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Points out that an incentive for more sustainable product design can be provided by strengthening the principle of extended manufacturer liability and laying down minimum requirements to be met;

Or. de

Amendment 86
Peter Liese

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Calls on the Commission to look into reports that smart phones are deliberately being designed to have a very short useful life and, if necessary, to propose measures to counter this phenomenon;

Or. de

Amendment 87
José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to make better use of the EU Ecolabel to improve
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product lifetimes and consumers' understanding of product durability;

product lifetimes and consumers' understanding of product durability, *using the Horizon 2020 programme to create a low-carbon, resource-efficient, green and competitive economy in the European Union, and to take action with regard to green public procurement that has a vital role to play in developing a circular economy;*

Or. pt

Amendment 88
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to make better use of the EU Ecolabel to improve product lifetimes and consumers' understanding of product durability;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to make better use of the EU Ecolabel to improve product lifetimes and consumers' understanding of product durability; *notes that Ecolabel criteria can be aligned with Ecodesign minimum requirements and therefore provide synergy effects of those two instruments;*

Or. en

Amendment 89
Zoltán Balczó

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to make better use of the EU Ecolabel to improve product lifetimes and consumers' understanding of product durability;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to make better use of the EU Ecolabel to improve product lifetimes and consumers' understanding of product durability *and encourage consumers to take that aspect into account in selecting a product/brand to buy;*

Amendment 90
Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to make better use of the EU Ecolabel to improve product lifetimes and consumers' understanding of product durability;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to make better use of the EU Ecolabel to improve product lifetimes and consumers' understanding of product durability, ***including making information on minimum product lifetime or use mandatory;***

Or. en

Amendment 91
Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

The EU Ecolabel should include information to consumers on product expected lifetime and availability of spare parts on the market;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Massimo Paolucci, Simona Bonafè, Nicola Caputo, Elena Gentile

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that informed consumer choice may indirectly provide economic incentives to manufacturers, and

therefore calls on the Commission to assess the possibility of including in EU ecolabelling information about the lifetime of products, so as to increase consumer awareness of product life aspects;

Or. it

Amendment 93
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to draw up measures on the provision to consumers, if appropriate only on a voluntary basis, of information on the expected lifetime of a product, the number of use cycles it is designed to withstand and the scope for having it repaired, so that consumers can make better informed purchasing decisions;

Or. de

Amendment 94
Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Calls on the Commission to ask manufacturers to make diagnostic and service manuals publicly available as well as to make spare parts and accessories of products available on the market for a minimum number of years in line with the product's expected lifetime which should be indicated in the EU Ecolabel;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. *Calls on Commission and Member States to devote resources for education, and information campaigns, to promote sustainable consumption and production models, and highlights the benefits of moving to a resource-efficient circular economy;*

Or. en

Amendment 96
Françoise Grossetête, Angélique Delahaye

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. *Calls on the Commission to carry out an economic and environmental impact assessment to determine the scope for extending in a harmonised manner the duration of the statutory guarantee of conformity for products;*

Or. fr

Amendment 97
Nicola Caputo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. *Calls for local and regional authorities, companies and associations to*

be given help in conducting consumer awareness campaigns on extending the lifespans of products;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Points out that the Commission should not use the upcoming Regulatory Fitness Check to withdraw or limit the scope of the EU Ecolabel;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 b. Believes it is important to create incentives for manufacturers to produce longer lasting products; calls on the Commission to propose that manufacturers should cover the cost of recycling if their goods have an expected lifetime of less than five years;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 b. *Urges the Commission to promote the use of resource-efficiency indicators through international conventions in order to allow comparability between industries and economies and to ensure a level playing field;*

Or. en

Amendment 101
Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 b. *Calls on Member States to discourage the placing on the market of products with planned obsolescence;*

Or. en

Amendment 102
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 c. *Urges the Member States to carry out effective market surveillance to ensure that both European and imported products comply with the requirements as regards product policy and ecodesign;*

Or. en

Amendment 103
Massimo Paolucci, Simona Bonafè, Nicola Caputo, Elena Gentile

Draft opinion

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Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Member States to adopt economic incentives for product repair services to facilitate the extension of product lifetimes.

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to adopt economic incentives for product repair services to facilitate the extension of product lifetimes, ***bearing in mind that tax reductions on product repairs may provide an incentive to reuse products and encourage the repair industry, with possible environmental and social benefits.***

Or. it

Amendment 104

Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Member States to adopt economic incentives for product repair services to facilitate the extension of product lifetimes.

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to adopt economic incentives for product repair services to facilitate the extension of product lifetimes, ***and for producers to develop smart business models and to take into account the waste hierarchy when designing their products through the stimulation of durability, recyclability, reusability and reparability;***

Or. en

Amendment 105

José Inácio Faria

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Member States to adopt economic incentives for ***product repair services to facilitate*** the extension

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to adopt economic incentives for ***the design of more easily recyclable or reusable***

of *product lifetimes*.

products as part of action to promote the repairability, durability and recyclability of products, promoting the extension of their life cycle.

Or. pt

Amendment 106
Piernicola Pedicini, Eleonora Evi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Member States to adopt economic incentives for product repair services to facilitate the extension of product lifetimes.

Amendment

7. Calls on the Member States to adopt economic incentives for product repair services to facilitate the extension of product lifetimes, ***including reduced VAT on repair activities;***

Or. en

Amendment 107
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Urges the Member States to amend, if necessary, their national legislation on the compulsory provision of information on the availability of essential spare parts and the expected durability of products under normal conditions of use;

Or. fr

Amendment 108
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

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Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. *Calls on Member States to impose sanctions where products are placed on the market that have a short lifetime owing to poor quality, impossibility of repair or the use of planned obsolescence practices;*

Or. es

Amendment 109
Birgit Collin-Langen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. *Calls on the Commission to take measures to ensure that products which are still usable can be fed back into the circular economy more easily and more effectively;*

Or. de

Amendment 110
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to take measures to discourage the placing on the market of products with planned obsolescence;*

Or. en

Amendment 111
Davor Škrlec

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Encourages Member States to implement green public procurement as a policy tool in order to accelerate shift towards circular economy;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Christel Schaldemose

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Calls on a total ban on products with built-in defects designed to end the product's life;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Emphasises, further, that Member States can encourage repair activities by authorising consumers to use the repair service of their choosing without that affecting the validity of the statutory or contractual warranty;

Or. fr

Amendment 114

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 b. Notes that upgradability of products can slow product obsolescence and can reduce the environmental impacts and costs for users;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Emphasises that making statutory warranties more stringent as regards their duration and the burden of proof can also help to persuade consumers to choose repair over replacement;

Or. fr

Amendment 116

Josu Juaristi Abaunz

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 c. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to involve and respect the competences of local and regional authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Mireille D'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7d. Emphasises, however, that the use of repair services only makes sense if consumer goods are manufactured which are qualitatively durable in the first place and that the Member States should take any appropriate measures, including tax measures, to encourage the manufacture of such goods;

Or. fr

Amendment 118
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 d. Calls on the Commission to encourage a regular and structured exchange of information and sharing of best practices throughout the Union, between the Commission and the Member States, including with regional and municipal authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Josu Juaristi Abaunz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 e. Calls on the Commission to actively support local repair initiatives as

*they also provide for local green jobs and
provide a useful service to consumers.*

Or. en