

**Question for written answer E-003345/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Rules applicable to fire doors

Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 lays down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products, such as windows and external doors. These two products are subject to the technical specifications in EN 14351-1:2006+A2:2016 'Windows and doors - Product standard, performance characteristics - Part 1: Windows and external pedestrian doorsets', which defines specific fire resistance requirements.

When implementing the regulation, the administrative bodies of some Member States, such as Italy, chose to define 'external door' as an opening that separates two spaces with different climatic conditions (for example, one room with and one without air conditioning).

Recently, however, the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) offered a different interpretation of the EN 14351-1:2006+A2:2016 rule, according to which an 'external door' can only be one that separates an external climate from an internal one (disregarding the different climatic conditions created by air-conditioning systems), and as such rendered many of the investments made by companies in the sector pointless.

In the light of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Whether it is aware of the diverging interpretations of the definition of 'external door'?
2. Whether it considers the CEN's interpretation to be appropriate, especially for achieving maximum fire safety for EU citizens?