

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3657/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Shared initial type-testing for windows and doors

For a long time there was uncertainty about implementation of the Building Products Directive (89/106/EEC<sup>1</sup>), particularly the application of the technical specification EN 14351-1:2006 and the principle of shared initial type-testing.

On 24 April 2009 the European Parliament clearly supported this principle when the directive was revised (P6\_TA(2009)0320).

Inter alia, this is important for small joiners, because, following this, the result of one test could be applied to all undertakings in the sector, for example businesses affiliated to the same professional association. Particularly in times of economic crisis, it is important for small businesses to be able to keep such costs down.

Does the Commission intend to initiate the change to standard EN 14351-1:2006?

When does the Commission think it will be able to make this change?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 40, 11.2.1989, p. 12.