

# Minutes

## EPEE Ecodesign Working Group

### 18 September 2014, 11.00 – 13.00

#### 1. List of Participants

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Ronald Herpst	Trane
Andrea Voigt	EPEE Secretariat
Hannah Herscheid	EPEE Secretariat
Denis Bonvillain	EPEE Secretariat

#### 2. Actions

What	Who	When
<b>The Ecodesign Procedure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat will double-check as of when the new Comitology procedure will apply for Ecodesign lots</li> <li>• Secretariat will update procedure slide to include further relevant information.</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat	ASAP
<b>Ecodesign strategic activities &amp; deliverables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace description of “human resources” by “services”</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat	ASAP
<b>ENTR Lot 6/ENER Lot 21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat to continue monitoring the launch of</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat &	ASAP

<p>ISC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members to share ISC documents in case they receive before</li> </ul>	Members	
<p><b>ENER Lot 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bill McQuade to share information on AHRI example of show-casing argument against cascading</li> <li>Members to provide arguments against cascading</li> <li>Secretariat to prepare position paper on cascading (one for Fan review, one general)</li> <li>Secretariat to reach out to other industry associations to co-sign spare parts position paper</li> <li>Chair to share position papers and argumentation on the subject preceding entry into force of current Regulation</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat & Members	ASAP
<p><b>ENTR Lot 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPEE Secretariat to stay in contact with European Commission to find monitor relevant developments</li> <li>EPEE will assist the Commission in drafting FAQs and a potential guidance document at the end of the year.</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat	Ongoing
<p><b>ENTR Lot 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretariat will monitor the publication and report back to members.</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat	Ongoing
<p><b>ENER Lot 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPEE Secretariat to prepare position paper on concerns before Consultation Forum meeting</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat	By 29 September
<p><b>ENER Lot 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up meeting with Commission official to see in how far position was taken up.</li> <li>Follow ongoing Impact Assessment</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat	Done/Ongoing
<p><b>ENER Lot 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPEE Secretariat will continue monitoring any relevant developments on this Lot.</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat & Members	Ongoing
<p><b>Material efficiency under Ecodesign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPEE Secretariat to continue monitoring the development of material efficiency requirements under Ecodesign</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat	Ongoing
<p><b>Revision of the Energy Labelling/Ecodesign Directives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPEE Secretariat to prepare position papers on the learning curve and energy label suggestions by the NGOs.</li> <li>EPEE Secretariat to monitor relevant developments in the review process</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat & Members	ASAP/Ongoing
<p><b>Market Surveillance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPEE Secretariat to clarify issue of 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification with interested associations</li> <li>Pursue the second project proposal under the Horizon 2020 programme.</li> </ul>	EPEE Secretariat & Members	ASAP/Ongoing

PLEASE FIND A DETAILED POWERPOINT PRESENTATION [HERE](#), WHICH WAS USED TO STRUCTURE DISCUSSIONS.

### 3. *Welcome by the Chair, Call to order, Competition Law*

- The Chair welcomed all participants, called to order and reminded members of the competition law that applies at all times during the meeting.

#### **4. *Matters arising and adoption of the agenda***

- The agenda was adopted.

#### **5. *Review and adoption of the minutes of the 3 June 2014 meeting***

- The minutes and actions of the last WG meeting on 3 June 2014 were reviewed and adopted.

#### **6. *The New European Commission***

- The agenda point was briefly discussed as members received an update on the institutional changes in the previous Working Group meetings.
- A question arose concerning the new procedure for Ecodesign under the Lisbon treaty and if the Fan Regulation review will already be covered by the new procedure.
- The Secretariat will double-check and inform members accordingly.

#### **7. *Ecodesign Strategic Activities and Deliverables***

- The Secretariat presented the strategic activities and deliverables of the Ecodesign Working Group for the next year. The key priorities will be:
  - The revision of the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling framework Directives
  - Finalisation of ENTR Lot 1 (professional refrigeration)
  - Finalisation of ENTR Lot 6/ENER Lot 21 (central heating and air conditioning products)
  - Revision of ENER Lot 11 (Fan Regulation)
  - Finalisation of ENER Lot 12 (commercial refrigeration)
- Juergen Goeller (Carrier) suggested changing the category “human resources” to “services”.

#### **8. *Ecodesign Procedure***

- The Secretariat reminded members about the different steps in the Ecodesign procedure that applies for each product group (Lot).
- Members suggested including several points:
  - Timing of WTO notification
  - Influencing opportunities for EPEE
  - New comitology procedure

#### **9. *ENTR Lot 6/ENER Lot 21***

- The Secretariat reminded members about the latest developments on this Lot.
- The inter-service consultation has been delayed due to the recent institutional changes following the EU elections in May this year.
- The launch was postponed to after the Commissioner candidates’ hearings in the relevant European Parliament committees, which will be finished after the first week of October.
- Members were reminded that once the inter-service consultation begins, quick reaction is needed and the Secretariat will ask comments in a relatively short time frame.
- Members were asked to share the copy of the inter-service document in case they receive it before the Secretariat.

#### **10. *ENER Lot 11 – Ventilation fans***

- The Secretariat explained that VHK has recently started working on the Preparatory Study for the revision of this Lot.
- A meeting has taken place with Paul Hodson and Marcos Gonzalez Alvarez to discuss EPEE’s position on two major issues:
  - *The provision on spare parts in the current Regulation*  
EPEE submitted a position paper on this issue to the Commission in advance of the meeting. The Commission asked EPEE to provide further evidence, revealing the

scope of the problem for manufacturers. The subject will be discussed again after the first stakeholder meeting on 1 October.

○ *The issue of “cascading” in the frame of the review of the Regulation*

It was discussed that EPEE was against double-regulation of components and final products. The Director-General explained however that due to the position of various stakeholders it will be relatively difficult to succeed in this position.

- On the latter issue, Daikin presented a case study that shows that regulating the fan does not necessarily add to the energy efficiency of a product but merely creates an additional cost
- EPEE members agreed that the case study needs to be improved
- An example of phrasing this correlation more positively was presented by Bill McQuade (JCI), who will share this for information.
- It was decided that the issue of phrasing a positive message around “cascading” was also a task for the Communications Working Group.
- The Chair called upon members to share good arguments on the case with the EPEE Secretariat to develop a position paper (one specific for the Fan Regulation review and one general)
- The Chair will furthermore share the position papers and argumentation on the subject from the discussions preceding the entry into force of the current Regulation.
- The Secretariat will reach out to other industry associations to co-sign the paper on spare parts.

**11. ENTR Lot 1**

- The EPEE Secretariat is in contact with Commission official Davide Polverini and monitoring the publication of the final Regulations, which is expected in November/December this year. The Secretariat will monitor the publication and report back to members.
- EPEE will assist the Commission in drafting FAQs and a potential guidance document at the end of the year.

**12. ENER Lot 12**

- The Impact Assessment is currently ongoing and Eurovent has the lead on this Lot.
- After the Consultation Forum meeting on 2 July EPEE and Eurovent issued a position paper and EPEE and Eurocommerce published a joint statement.
- It was decided to contact Eurovent to set up another meeting with the responsible Commission official, Mr. Gonzalez-Herraiz to see in how far the Eurovent/EPEE position paper was taken up.

**13. ENER Lot 10/ENTR Lot 6**

- The publication of the final Regulations has been delayed and is expected in November/December.
- The Secretariat will monitor the publication and report back to members.

**14. ENER Lot 30**

- The Consultation Forum meeting will take place on 29 September.
- Members raised concerns that while motors for fans or compressors that cannot be tested separately are excluded from the scope to set Ecodesign requirements, they will have to fulfil information requirements.
- A position paper is planned to be submitted before the Consultation Forum meeting and the Secretariat is circulating a draft for comments asap.
- The position paper will include a point on double-regulation
- It was further decided to prepare a general position paper on cascading that can also be used in the discussions for the review of the framework Directive.

### **15. Review of the ED/EL Directives**

- The Secretariat presented the latest developments and informed members that the timeline has been delayed.
- The legislative proposals are expected to be published in a package, together with the new Ecodesign Work Plan in the beginning of next year, once the new Commission is in place.
- A meeting with ECOS and EEB took place on 16 September to discuss EPEE's initial position on the review.
- While the NGOs could agree on some points with EPEE's position, suggestions were made in terms of improving the level of requirements by adding a learning curve to the LLCC approach.
- In addition, the NGOs suggested a different energy label layout, with a fixed efficiency level and a movable scale (reflecting market developments). Furthermore, a differentiation of labels for consumer (plug and play) products, small business products and B2B products was suggested.
- The EPEE Secretariat will come up with a draft position on the learning curve and the energy label, setting out key criteria for what an energy label needs to fulfil, i.e. consumer needs to understand it, manufacturers should not be obliged to change it every year, etc.) concluding that A+++ achieves all criteria.

### **16. Other issues of impact on Ecodesign: Material Efficiency under Ecodesign**

- The Secretariat will continue monitoring any relevant developments in this area, especially in the framework of the recently published Circular Economy Package.

### **17. Market Surveillance**

- The legislative package is now under discussion in the European Parliament and the Council.
- After the Market Surveillance workshop in May, EPEE developed a Call to Action on Market Surveillance, which other associations, including EHI, EVIA, are in principle ready to co-sign.
- The Director-General needs to clarify the issue of 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification with these associations to avoid misunderstanding.
- On 23 September, the next Ecopliant meeting will take place in Budapest. Andrea Voigt and Stefan Thie (Fujitsu) will attend and EPEE has been asked to present the Call to Action and the outcomes of the workshop.
- Two proposals have been presented to EPEE in the field of Market Surveillance.
- While the first one was agreed to be not suitable, the second one will be pursued. It is a project of a Czech consultant seeking to improve market surveillance, by preparing all stakeholders before problems at market surveillance authority level arise. The project will file an application under the EU's Horizon 2020 Programme and would hence not involve financial contribution. EPEE's contribution would be in kind participation, by providing the necessary manpower.

#### **Date of next meeting:**

- **Thursday, 8 January 2015, 13:30 – 16:00**

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