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Subject: Input on F-Gas regulation

Dear _____,

Thank you for your letter of 27 September 2023 sent to Ms. Anne Weidenbach, Member of the Cabinet of Ms Kadri Simson, Commissioner for Energy. She has asked me to reply on her behalf.

As regards the revision of the F-Gas regulation, the Commission did not propose to prohibit Hydrofluoroolefins (HFOs) in equipment. The European Parliament agreed on amendments that include such prohibitions and the co-legislators have agreed in the trilogue negotiations to include such prohibitions for certain types of equipment where F-gas free alternatives exist already today⁽¹⁾.

According to the provisional agreement, the prohibitions related to HFOs in heat pumps will start only between 2032 to 2035, providing industry with sufficient time to adapt. We are also aware of the industry concerns as regards the Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) restriction proposal. There however, the legislative process has not yet started, and so it is too early to know what the impacts will be. In any case, I would like to reassure you that the impact of these two regulations and their interactions with product energy efficiency regulations will be carefully considered.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2023/10/05/fluorinated-gases-and-ozone-depleting-substances-council-and-parliament-reach-agreement/>

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the European Partnership on Energy and the Environment and your members for your continuous support to the design and improvement of European product energy efficiency regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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