

Ecodesign preparatory study

DG ENER Lot 22: Domestic and Commercial ovens

Final stakeholder meeting on domestic appliances

Thursday 24th March, 2011

10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Minutes

- **V. Lelkes (EC): Welcome and Objectives of the meeting.**

Outcomes from Tasks 1 to 7 will be presented and discussed. Task 8 and policy considerations will not be addressed during the meeting.
- Tour de table
- **S. Mudgal (BIO): Presentation of the Ecodesign Directive and of the MEEuP methodology**
- **G. Audard (BIO): Tasks 1 to 3 main findings** (no specific comments)
- **P. Goodman (ERA): Task 4 main findings.**
 - **C. Zimmerman (BSH / CECED):** Cooking times in EU are generally decreasing as the use of precooked food is increasing (e.g. pizzas). So the cooking time of the brick test is a valid cooking time. When first established, it corresponded to the time used for boiling meat.
 - **P. Goodman (ERA)** agrees but does not have complementary measurements in that regard.
 - **S. Edwards (ECOS):** The decrease in cooking time seems consistent with the potential shift from the domestic to the commercial sector.
 - **C. Zimmerman (BSH / CECED):** Pyrolytic cleaning should not be stressed as an energy consuming technology. Catalytic cleaning requires periodic use of a regenerative mode cleaning cycle which uses energy but is currently not covered by any study (even in US). Manual cleaning also requires energy (+ ingredients, packaging, water) so not only pyrolytic cleaning uses energy.
 - **C. Zimmerman (BSH / CECED):** Microwave ovens have a smaller range of consumption than conventional ovens. No comparison should be made.
 - **S. Edwards (ECOS)** suggests that the 48 to 79kWh range is a big difference (slide 64)

- M. Rambaldi (CECED): Yes it is possible but the price of energy per cycle is so small to have a significant influence. Comparison of Microwave ovens with conventional oven is not really valid as it is mainly used for different functionalities (defrost / reheat)
- V. Lelkes (EC): Consumers will choose on functionality not on minor energy savings.
- A. Smrke (MSX Technology): User behaviour can be better addressed with technologies. But industry does not well-accept it.
- B. Tinetti (BIO) points out that Task 8 generic requirements could include information requirements to influence behaviour and promote more sustainable use. (cf lot 19 on domestic lighting)

Apart from the previous comments, the participants generally agreed on the presented data.

- V. Lelkes (EC): Task 8 will be circulated before mid-April for complementary comments. The consultation forum will then follow.
- E. Johnson (Atlantic Consulting) asks for further information on the consultation forum.
- V. Lelkes (EC): It is a consultation step which is open to anyone interested.
- K. Völker (HKI) specifies that only the 30 European associations registered in 2007 are directly invited.
- E. Toulouse (ECOS): but the EC can invite anyone interested to take part in.

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