

**Question for written answer E-014808/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Testing conditions for energy labelling of household appliances

The proposal for a regulation on energy efficiency labelling (COM(2015)0341) will be dealt with shortly in Parliament. The recent VW scandal again showed that testing conditions result in labels/certificates/values that do not correspond at all to real-life conditions of use.

Equally unrealistic testing conditions may also be leading to similarly perverse results in the household appliances sector.

Does the Commission agree that certain measurement methods and standards used to calculate the energy consumption of household appliances for the purposes of energy efficiency labelling do not simulate real-life conditions of use (for vacuum cleaners, for example, the measurement methods ignore the amount of time required by the product to deliver a certain output of performance and do not measure the input power under real-life conditions)?

If so, will the Commission mandate the relevant standard-setting groups in CEN-CENELEC to propose new standards and measurement methods that do simulate real-life conditions of use, to avoid undermining the energy efficiency ambitions and misleading consumers?

Will the Commission ensure that these possible new standards and measurement methods reflect both the parameters and conditions that impact the energy efficiency of appliances and the conditions relating to the consumer's home/usage?