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EUROPEAN UNION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CHAIRWOMAN

*Agnieszka Pomaska*

**Mr  
Martin Schulz  
President of the  
European Parliament**

*Dear Mr President,*

I hereby enclose European Union Affairs Committee's opinion No. 49 on the *Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants (COM(2013) 919 final)* and the *Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants and amending Directive 2003/35/EC (COM(2013) 920 final)* adopted at the 227<sup>th</sup> Committee's meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

*Yours sincerely,*

**Opinion no 49**  
**of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland**  
**on**  
**the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the**  
**limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants**  
**(COM(2013) 919 final)**  
**and**  
**the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the**  
**reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants and amending**  
**Directive 2003/35/EC (COM(2013) 920 final)**  
**adopted at the 227<sup>th</sup> meeting of 5 February 2014**

The European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland:

1. Does not support the proposed legislative changes put forward by the European Commission in the proposals COM(2013) 919 and COM(2013) 920 concerning the reduction of emissions from certain so-called small combustion plants;
2. Proposes to include the following considerations in the legislative changes concerning the reduction of emissions from certain so-called small combustion plants:
  - 1) Introducing minimum quality requirements for solid fuels.
  - 2) Making fuel excise duty rates dependent on fuel quality and end-user type.
  - 3) Clarify the possibility to define admissible fuel types and fuel quality specifications in accordance with Article 96 of the Environment Protection Act
  - 4) Defining emission standards for boilers below 1 MW power output.
  - 5) Introducing technical requirements applicable to pollutant emission levels for new small combustion units in households.
  - 6) Introducing an obligation to prepare local land development plans for areas where air quality standards are not met.
  - 7) Introducing an obligation to include information on acceptable heating technologies to be used in buildings in local land development plans and zoning decisions.
  - 8) Introducing an obligation to include provisions of air protection programmes in local land development plans and zoning decisions.
  - 9) Including information about heating technologies used/to be used in building structures in their construction designs and in notifications of completion of construction process.

- 10) Giving priority to connecting buildings to heat distribution networks.
  - 11) Enabling the implementation of limited traffic emission zones.
  - 12) Introducing supervisory measures to follow timely preparation of draft assumptions for heat, electric energy and gaseous fuels supply plans by communes.
  - 13) Introducing an obligation for voivodeship boards to ensure the compliance of draft assumptions for communal heat, electric energy and gaseous fuels supply plans with air protection programmes.
  - 14) Introducing the requirement to draw up inventories of combustion units while preparing draft assumptions for heat, electric energy and gaseous fuels supply plans.
  - 15) Devolving the obligation to prepare and adopt energy plans to voivodeships.
  - 16) Introducing a possibility of awarding subsidies from communal budgets after heating installation replacement.
  - 17) Indicating the entity responsible for curbing emissions from the municipal sector and from transport within every commune.
  - 18) Introducing more detailed carbon offsetting regulations.
  - 19) Introducing an obligation to decide on the need for carbon offset at the stage of issuing environmental approvals.
  - 20) Allowing for carbon offsetting through reduction of small combustion plant emissions.
3. Calls upon the Council of Ministers to take measures aimed at introducing the above-mentioned legislative changes with respect to the reduction of emissions from certain so-called small combustion plants.

Committee Chair

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