

Letter

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From Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning,
Energy Directorate, Danijel Levičar (acting Director-General)

To European Commission DG ENER

Subject **Notification in accordance with Article 14(6) of Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC**

In accordance with Article 14(6) of Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency, amending Directives 2009/125/EC and 2010/30/EU and repealing Directives 2004/8/EC and 2006/32/EC (the 'Directive') we hereby notify the Commission of the exemptions Slovenia intends to apply with regard to the obligation to carry out the cost-benefit analysis referred to in Article 14(5) of the Directive.

Slovenia intends to avail itself of all the exemptions permitted by the Directive and listed in Article 14(6), namely those applicable to:

- (a) peak load and back-up electricity generating installations which are planned to operate under 1 500 operating hours per year as a rolling average over a period of five years,
- (b) nuclear power installations,
- (c) installations that need to be located close to a geological storage site.

In accordance with Article 14(6) of the Directive, Slovenia will in future also set thresholds for the obligation to carry out a study, assuming that the 20 MW limit in Article 14(6)(d) also applies to new district heating installations. The threshold for the obligation to carry out a cost-benefit analysis in the event of using excess heat from the industrial installations mentioned in Article 14(6)(c) and (d) of the Directive will be determined above a network heat load level of 1.5 GWh/year/km; such an analysis will not, therefore, be obligatory for installations in which, in view of the distance from the district heating system or the demand for heat, the heat load would not reach this level.

(Complimentary close),