

*Letter dated:* 5 October 2012

*From:* Péter Györkös, Ambassador  
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*To:* Paul Hodson, Director-General  
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European Commission

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By letter ref. ENER/PH/RN/pc(2012)S-284794 of 8 August 2012, the European Commission sent the Hungarian authorities a request relating to the obligation that Member States have under Articles 14 and 15 of Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the energy performance of buildings (hereinafter 'the recast Directive').

In reply to the Commission's request, we would inform you as follows.

Under Article 28(1) of the recast Directive, Member States must adopt and enact, at the latest by 9 July 2012, all the acts, decrees and administrative provisions necessary for complying with Articles 2–18, 20 and 27.

At the same time, under Article 14(4) of the above-mentioned Directive, Member States may opt, as an alternative to paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), to take measures to ensure the provision of advice to users concerning the replacement of boilers, other modifications to the heating system and alternative solutions to assess the efficiency and appropriate size of the boiler. The overall impact of this approach must be equivalent to that arising from the provisions set out in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3).

Hungary has opted for the measures referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 14(4). The energy efficiency action plan provided for by Article 14(2) of Directive 2006/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2006 includes the following measures:

1. Energy saving measures in the residential sector (Liveable Panel Dwellings Renovation Sub-Programme): reduction of demand for district heating in residential buildings developed using industrialised technologies<sup>1</sup>;
2. Inter-sectoral and other horizontal instruments: coordinated awareness-raising campaigns<sup>2</sup>;
3. Sustainable lifestyle and consumption: information, awareness raising<sup>3</sup>.

I would ask you to kindly accept the information above, relating to the obligation that Member States have under Articles 14 and 15 of Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> Hungary's National Energy Efficiency Action Plan until 2016 with an outlook to 2020, pp. 24-26.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 47.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 16.