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DRAFT GOVERNMENT DECREE ON THE NUMERICAL VALUES OF COEFFICIENTS FOR FORMS OF ENERGY USED IN BUILDINGS

Economic impact

The newly proposed coefficients for energy forms are not expected to have direct economic impacts on households, as the coefficients are used indirectly in defining the energy efficiency requirements of buildings. Lowering the coefficient for electricity may, in itself, increase the interest of construction contractors in electric heating, since the investment costs of electric heating can be lower than those of other heating systems. In this case, fluctuations in electricity prices become more significant in terms of the building's operating costs from the perspective of the resident, i.e. the end user. On the other hand, the utilization of energy from the environment through heat pumps, as included in the proposal, reduces dependence on energy prices and their fluctuations.

From a business perspective, the coefficients for energy forms can be seen as supporting district heating and comparable regionally centralized energy production, as the coefficient is lower compared to energy produced in the building from fuel adjusted for efficiency.

The coefficients for energy forms do not have direct effects on the volume of construction.

Impact on the activities of the authorities

The new decree are not expected to have any significant impact on the division of tasks between the state and municipalities, nor on the internal distribution of powers among state authorities. The amendment has no impact on the duties or procedures of authorities.

At the municipal level, the new decree is not expected to affect the operations of building control authorities.

Environmental Impact

The proposal supports the government program's objective of replacing fossil imported energy with clean and renewable domestic energy. The proposal also supports the goal of reducing fine particulate emissions from current levels and promotes efficient centralised energy production. Centralised production can achieve cleaner energy production than small-scale combustion. The proposal implements the European Union's climate and energy targets, as well as the regulations derived from them at the EU level.

Other social effects

The amendment to the decree is not expected to have other significant societal impacts.