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Commission requests Spain to fully transpose the EU Energy Efficiency Directive

And other ten Member States

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USPA NEWS - The European Commission has requested eleven Member States to ensure the full transposition of the Energy Efficiency Directive 2012/27/EU. The eleven countries are Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Spain, Finland, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, and Portugal.

Under this Directive, Member States must achieve energy savings from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2020. They have to do this by using Energy Efficiency Obligations Schemes and/or other targeted policy measures to drive energy efficiency improvements in households, industry buildings and transport. The Directive had to be transposed into national law by 5 June 2014. Today, the Commission sent reasoned opinions to Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Spain, Finland, Lithuania, Luxembourg and Poland.

However, the Commission identified transposition gaps in the national legislation in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Portugal, which are addressed in additional reasoned opinions sent today. The additional reasoned opinion to Hungary, issued today, replaces the Commission decision to refer this Member State to the Court of Justice of the EU. The Commission continues to monitor the implementation of the Directive and will address any shortcomings in the future. The eleven Member States have now two months to comply with their obligations, following that the Commission may decide to refer these Member States to the Court of Justice of the EU and ask for financial penalties.

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