

Technical Assistance Study for the Ventilation Units Product Group

Sent by E-Mail

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Re: EU-VO 1253/2014 transition period

Dear sirs

As a manufacturer of Air Handling Units (=‘non-residential ventilation unit’, NRVU) we are currently facing serious problems with several larger, long term projects. These projects have been designed last year (2014) or even earlier and our customer (installation company) has received the order from the construction company or the building owner (investor) in 2013, 2014 or beginning of this year.

We have received an order with detailed specified Air Handling Units (according to the specifications designed by the designer) with a fixed price for some projects already in 2013! Due to various reasons the construction site has been delayed and some or even all of the contracted Air Handling Units will be produced and delivered next year or even later.

We have recalculated some already specified and ordered Air Handling Units to fulfil the requirements of the EU directive 1253/2014. Most already in 2014 or earlier designed Air Handling Units will be larger, heavier and more expensive if they fully comply with the EU-directive. As a consequence there are in some cases problems arising with the required additional space which is not available (height of the room!), in some cases a static problem for weather proof units standing on a roof and getting heavier as designed and a financial issue, as our customer and the investor does not accept any price increase.

Because of these pending issues we were contacting our authorities in Austria responsible for market surveillance and related functions. In a joint meeting on Friday 12th of June the Austrian Authorities proposed the underneath text to clarify the transition period for long term projects as described above.

Addition to Article 3:

(5) point 1 to 4 shall not apply to ventilation units (RVUs and NRVUs), to be installed in buildings which are already under construction on the day this Regulation entered into force or the project design has progressed to such an advanced stage on the day this Regulation entered into force that the costs arising from the adjustment to comply with the requirements in Article 3 of this Regulation are not reasonable.

During this meeting I was asked to send this proposal to the Technical Assistance Study for the Ventilation Units Product Group.

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