

Joint Actions on Harmonised Products 2020

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Work Package (WP) 1 - Gas-Fired Space Heaters

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Invitation to provide information to support the Action and express non-binding interest in the task

1 Background

Gas-fired heaters are a product type common in the EU, in particular in the northern part, where all homes need heating during the long cold season. The product type was selected on the basis of a priority setting exercise within the ADCO GAS that had looked at space heaters and boilers.

The product group comprises several subgroups of products including:

- Mobile and portable non-domestic forced convection direct fired air heaters
- Domestic flueless space heaters (including diffusive catalytic combustion heaters)
- Parasol patio heaters

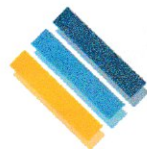
Gas appliances like these are within the scope of the Gas Appliances Regulation (EU) 2016/426.

The Regulation requires that all appliances are designed to use the fuel efficiently. This requirement overlaps with the requirements from the ecodesign Directive, but the requirement in the Gas Appliances Regulation do not apply if the ecodesign Directive establishes such requirements for the product in case.

As there are no such specific ecodesign requirements for the three concerned types of appliances, only the requirement from the Gas Appliances Regulation applies.

The Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) lists three harmonised standards applicable to these products. They are listed below:

- Mobile and portable non-domestic forced convection direct fired air heaters
EN 1596:1998 including A1:2004: "Specification for dedicated liquefied petroleum gas appliances - Mobile and portable non-domestic forced convection direct fired air heaters"
- Domestic flueless space heaters (including diffusive catalytic combustion heaters)
EN 449:2002 including A1:2007: "Specification for dedicated liquefied petroleum gas appliances - Domestic flueless space heaters (including diffusive catalytic combustion heaters)"
- Parasol patio heaters



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EN 14543:2005 including A1:2007: “Specification for dedicated liquefied petroleum gas appliances - Parasol patio heaters - Flueless radiant heaters for outdoor or amply ventilated area use”.

The final scope of this activity, including the selection of the specific product subgroups, will be determined in the inception phase based on the needs and requirements of the participating MSAs – and also on the basis of EC's/DG GROW's feedback.

In the course of the activity, the Market Surveillance Authorities of each participating country will take samples of Gas fired space heaters from the market and send them to a common test laboratory in order to verify their safety and compliance with the applicable requirements.

In the coming months, PROSAFE will issue an open Call for Tenders for a laboratory to carry out the testing. The Call will be published on the PROSAFE Website¹, and will also be circulated by e-mail to all known competent European Notified Bodies. The sampling and testing is expected to be carried out during 2022.

PROSAFE is issuing this survey invitation to known competent test bodies to express their ex-ante non-binding interest in the task and provide baseline information useful for the preparation of a Call for Tenders.

2 Objective and Scope

This invitation does not entail any commitment, financial or otherwise, on the part of PROSAFE or of responders: it serves as a non-binding, informal instrument for the purposes of collecting information on the services to be provided and their availability.

It should be stressed that this invitation does not constitute a public procurement procedure in the sense of Directive 2014/24/EU. We do not require bids or proposals. Consequently, information provided in response to this invitation is not of a contractual nature, it will not be used for the selection of test laboratories and it will be treated as confidential.

By responding to this invitation, you simply declare your preliminary interest in working with us in the framework of the project. PROSAFE is not bound to invite, contact or contract only test laboratories responding to this invitation. Responding to the invitation does not automatically mean that you are eligible to be contracted for relevant tasks. This will depend on fulfilment of the requirements and criteria set out in the future Call for Tender. PROSAFE does not check eligibility or any other conditions at this stage, and your response does not entail entitlement to any assignments.

PROSAFE also reserves the right to use or not to use the data obtained in the future Call for Tender and at this stage PROSAFE does not check the eligibility or best value for money of the prices presented.

3 Protection of personal data and confidentiality

This invitation satisfies all conditions ensuring transparency and equal treatment, avoiding disclosure of privileged information and/or privileged market positions that may distort competition.

¹ <https://www.prosafe.org/>

If processing your expression of interest involves the recording and processing of personal and sensitive data (such as name, address, email, prices, etc.), such data will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on data protection and privacy in the European Union and the European Economic Area. Your reply to this Invitation and any personal or sensitive data provided will be processed by PROSAFE, which also acts as the data controller solely for the purposes indicated in Section 2.

4 Procedure

Please complete Tables A, B and C below and send your response as soon as possible, but no later than 19 January 2022 by e-mail to the PROSAFE Office addressed to Mrs Ioana Sandu, Executive Director, at harp2020@prosafa.org and to Mr Torben Rahbek, PROSAFE facilitator at tr@torbenrahbek.dk, AND to info@prosafa.org.


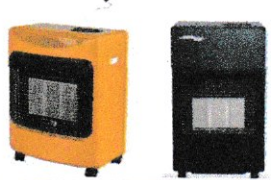
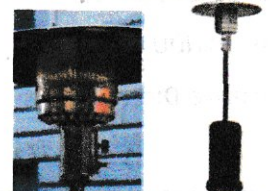
For any clarification on any aspect of this invitation, please send an e-mail to the above addresses.

A. Identity of the laboratory

Name of the laboratory	
Address	
NB Number	
Contact person	Name
	E-mail
	Telephone

B. Test programme and number of samples

Please propose a summary of a test programme that makes it possible to verify the most important safety features of Gas fired space heaters and with a minimum number of samples to be tested for each model. The products that will be subjected to the tests fall under the three different types mentioned as follows:

Mobile and portable non-domestic forced convection direct fired air heaters	Domestic flueless space heaters (including diffusive catalytic combustion heaters)	Parasol patio heaters
		
Applicable standard: EN 1596:1998.including A1:2004	Applicable standard: EN 449:2002 including A1:2007	Applicable standard: EN 14543:2005 including A1:2007

In principle we plan to test something like 25 to 30 different models of appliances.

The tests should be specified with reference to the relevant clauses of the applicable standard which has been identified as shown in the table above.

An indicative cost for each test should be indicated (non-contractual) excluding VAT.

Test	Standard/Clause ...	Number of samples to be tested for each model	Indicative cost (excl. VAT)
Mobile and portable non-domestic forced convection direct fired air heaters	EN 1596:1998 including A1:2004 All Clauses		
	EN 1596:1998 including A1:2004 Only Clause 7		
Domestic flueless space heaters (including diffusive catalytic combustion heaters)	EN 449:2002 including A1:2007 All Clauses		
	EN 449:2002 including A1:2007 Only Clause 7		
Parasol patio heaters	EN 14543:2005 including A1:2007 All Clauses		
	EN 14543:2005 including A1:2007 Only Clause 8		

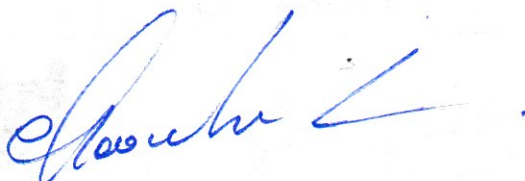
C. Comments or suggestions

Please provide below any comments or suggestions that might help PROSAFE and the project group in the preparation of a Call for Tender.

With best regards,

Ioana SANDU

Executive Director



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