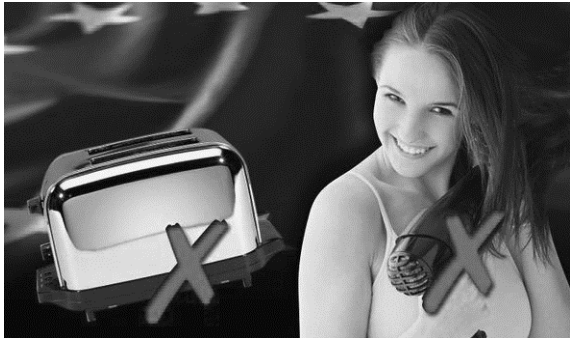


### EU ban on electrical appliances

adapted from an article by Nathan Rao

- 1 Campaigners last night rallied round to vent their fury as Brussels bureaucrats unveiled their latest plan to erode the “lifestyles and choices of ordinary people”. It follows the banning this week of vacuum cleaners which have motors above the new EU limit of 1,600 watts in a bid to cut energy usage. The permitted wattage will be almost halved again from September 2017 as the limit is reduced to 900 watts.
- 2 Dozens of other everyday appliances could have the power sucked out of them too. What’s more, some could be scrapped altogether if new rules around climate change are brought in. A report commissioned by the European Commission, the EU’s executive body, sets out plans to look at the energy usage of a range of items and whether they could be made more efficient. The list of around 30 appliance categories includes toasters, kettles, heated greenhouses, power tools, aquarium lights and filters and gym equipment. Meat slicers and popcorn machines are to be spared the chop as they are ‘niche markets’. Mixers, rice cookers, blenders and deep fat fryers, however, are also under threat.
- 3 It forms part of an energy efficiency drive – Ecodesign directive – to reduce consumption by 30 per cent by 2030. However, campaigners repeated calls for the EU not to mess around with Britain’s household appliances. Louise Bours, spokeswoman for Eurosceptic party Ukip, said: “This is unnecessary interference in the lifestyles and choices of ordinary people. Who in the UK asked the EU to make up a list of banned electrical goods? People should be able to choose whichever toaster, juicer and hair dryer they like. It is the EU we need to take power from, not our hair dryers.”
- 4 Alan Murad, of campaign group Get Britain Out, accused the EU of robbing Britons of basic choices. He said: “These proposals are astonishing. The fools who dreamt them up only reveal their economic illiteracy, as high-wattage devices are often more energy efficient than what they’ll be replaced with. The meddling in our affairs by unelected bureaucrats, the relentless stifling of consumer choice, prove the EU have no democratic credentials to speak of. It is yet another assault on the British way of life.”

- 5 EU energy commissioner Gunther Oettinger said the regulations are needed to tackle climate change. He said: “All EU countries agree that energy efficiency is the most effective method to reduce energy consumption and dependence on imports and to improve the climate. There need to be mandatory consumption limits for small electrical appliances.”
- 6 18, Benny Peiser, of the Global Warming Policy Foundation, said sapping the energy out of electrical appliances will only lead to people using them for longer. He said: “Of course this is not going to have any impact on climate and it is not going to save the planet. There is no example in history when any product technology has become more energy efficient and this has led to a decrease in energy usage, in fact the opposite happens. And if it leads to people saving money, then they will just buy more electrical appliances, the theory is nonsense.”
- 7 The Daily Express is the only newspaper to call for Britain to leave the European Union with our Get Britain out of the EU crusade.

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## Tekst 7

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- 1p 14 'Campaigners last night rallied round to vent their fury' (paragraph 1)  
What are they angry about?  
A the EU introducing laws that influence people's way of life  
B the extra tax on electrical devices EU citizens will have to pay  
C the fact that new EU regulations will harm the environment  
D the unfair European competition British shop owners face
- 1p 15 In welke van de volgende zinnen uit alinea 2 wordt uitgelegd waarom sommige apparaten **niet** vallen onder de nieuwe regelgeving?  
A 'Dozens of other everyday appliances could have the power sucked out of them too.'  
B 'What's more, some could be scrapped altogether if new rules around climate change are brought in.'  
C 'Meat slicers and popcorn machines are to be spared the chop as they are 'niche markets'.  
D 'Mixers, rice cookers, blenders and deep fat fryers, however, are also under threat.'
- 1p 16 Welke **twee** woorden uit alinea 3 vatten samen wat Louise Bours vindt van de nieuwe Europese plannen?  
*Citeer (=schrijf over uit de tekst) deze twee woorden.*
- 1p 17 'high-wattage devices are often more energy efficient than what they'll be replaced with.' (paragraph 4)  
Which person in the text uses a similar argument?  
A Louise Bours (paragraph 3)  
B Gunther Oettinger (paragraph 5)  
C Benny Peiser (paragraph 6)
- 1p 18 Kies bij 18 in alinea 6 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.  
A Likewise  
B On the other hand  
C On top of that  
D Therefore
- 1p 19 Which of the following slogans fits the opinion of the Daily Express according to paragraph 7?  
A Britain and the EU should form a united front.  
B Britain can solve major European problems.  
C Britain needs the EU more than the EU needs Britain.  
D Britain should withdraw from the EU.

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