

An important step on the way to standardized interfaces

The European Commission announced to compile a mandate for the standardization of the interfaces of external power supplies. The consumers (ANEC/BEUC) called among other things for the standardization of the interfaces of external power supplies with load function as an important contribution to the improvement of the ecological profile of this product group. The proposal was supported by representatives of the member states Germany and France and the European environmental organizations.

The consumer council submitted a feasibility study for the standardization of interfaces in 2005 and forces the project for years on a national, European and international level.

In the context of the Eco-design Directive (2005/32/EC), product specific requirements on external power supplies are compiled at present in Europe. In a preparatory study commissioned by the European Commission "Lot 7 Battery chargers and external power supplies" the standardization of interfaces is called, in order to improve the ecological profile of external power supplies. Based on this study, the European Commission provided a working document for implementing measures for external power supplies, which was introduced in the consultation forum and discussed with representatives of the member states and the interested parties. In a paper, ANEC/BEUC took position to the proposals of the European Commission and emphasized the standardization of the interfaces as an important contribution to the protection of the environment and the consumer.