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| <b>Title of the measure:</b> | AU5: Minimum thermal standards for buildings |
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### ***General description***

In Austria, the thermal quality of buildings is determined as part of the federal building law and/or of the building regulations of the federal states. These instruments contain binding quality criteria for buildings. The requirements vary from federal state to federal state; hence these provisions may determine e.g. the U loads for the components, energy properties or LEK values. These building regulations and laws not only contain requirement in respect of the building shell, but also in respect of the technology employed for facility management. The guidelines of the Austrian Institute for Construction Engineering serve as the basis for the harmonisation of the building regulations and laws. One of these guidelines, OIB Guideline No 6 on energy saving and thermal insulation, exists since 2007 and was implemented by federal states. This guideline contains requirements with regard to the maximum heating consumption of residential and non-residential buildings - both in respect of newly constructed and comprehensively renovated buildings. In March 2015, the OIB Guideline No 6 was updated.

Compliance with building regulations is required by law. The implementation is nationwide, but there are differences in implementation in the federal states.

### ***Impact evaluation***

According to the NEEAP 2014, annual savings of 175 TJ are expected between 2014 until 2020.

### ***Interaction of measures***

Sector: Tertiary, AU37

