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### JBCE comments on draft TASK 1 report of Smart appliances

The Japan Business Council in Europe (JBCE), representing companies of Japanese parentage operating in Europe, welcomes the start of the preparatory study on Smart Appliances within the framework strategy for the Energy Union and the Ecodesign Directive.

The membership of the JBCE covers a wide range of industry sectors, producing energy related products especially air-conditioning, heat pumps and home appliances.

As our member companies have Japanese parentage, we have developed knowledge and expertise on Smart Appliances and their interaction with the grid.

Therefore, JBCE supports the development of a protocol for Smart Appliances, based on the key idea of Demand Response.

Finally, in the table of the Annex you will find JBCE's comments and proposals for change on on draft Task 1 report of Ecodesign Preparatory study on Smart Appliances.

As a key stakeholder, JBCE would like to make further contributions whenever it is useful and needed and share the knowledge and experience of our members. We remain at your disposal and look forward to working with you throughout this study.

#### About JBCE

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