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Dear Siebe Schoostra,

Thank you for your mail dated 2nd March 2016.

As a reply to your first question, I can inform you of the process regarding the issue of the Energy Performance Certificates.

The transposition of European law into national law is monitored by the European Commission in two phases: First, the full transposition procedure addresses the question whether the provisions of the Directive have been fully transposed in Dutch legislation. Second, the correct transposition procedure addresses whether the national legislation transposes the Directive correctly, i.e. corresponds to the latter.

It is the first phase that has just been concluded. Following the latest amendments of the Dutch legislation (received in November 2015), the Commission concluded on 25 February 2016 that the Netherlands have now complied with their transposition and notification requirements. Accordingly, the infringement procedure on the full transposition was closed by the Commission on 25 February 2016.

The fact that the infringement on full transposition is closed does not mean that the Commission considers the transposition of this Directive in the Netherlands correct. The Commission services are currently examining precisely this point: the effective and **correct transposition** of the Buildings Directive. We have identified a series of concerns and raised them with the Dutch authorities in the framework of an informal dialogue (within the EU Pilot system). We are currently working on the analysis of the situation. We cannot give an assessment before this phase is completed.

As a reply to your second question, we thank you for your offer to provide us with the results of your research and welcome all helpful information. You can send it to us by e-mail or post, at your best convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hodson

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