

# Wood burning stove ban?



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# THE TRUTH

The truth of it all No doubt you will have all seen some misleading headlines in recent months about a possible ban on wood stoves. Here, we identify the truth behind the headlines and what you can tell customers who might have seen the headlines. Firstly, although there were reports that the worst wood burning stoves would be banned, this is not actually correct. What Defra do say in their Clean Air Strategy is that they “will ensure that only the cleanest stoves are available for sale by 2022”. What they mean by this is that the government will adopt and enforce the forthcoming Ecodesign requirements for wood burning stoves in 2022. This is not a ban, it is the Implementation of well signposted and known new tighter regulations. This happens across all product and industry sectors as a matter of course. Recent publicity has tended to equate emissions from wood burning with emissions from woodburning stoves. Government statistics have indicated that nationally 40% of wood is burnt on open fires. This rises to 70% when it comes to London, despite the fact that burning wood on an open fire is not permitted under the current Clean Air Act. The Clean Air Strategy clearly recognises that all wood burning is not the same. SIA Ecodesign Ready stoves are designed using improved burn technology, developed by the stove manufacturers to produce 90% fewer emissions than an open fire and 80% fewer emissions than some older stoves.