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Policy Update for Topten Project

1) Labelling Delegated Regulations Published

On 30th November 2010, the four Labelling Delegated Regulations on household dishwashers, household refrigerating appliances, household washing machines, and televisions were published in the EU Official Journal.

The adopted Regulations are available on the internet at

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ%3AL%3A2010%3A314%3ASOM%3AEN%3AHTML>

A) Use and Format of the Label

While the new labels are only legally required from 30 November 2011 or 20 December 2011 (see below), manufacturers can already use the new format on a voluntary basis. This means that the new energy labels for refrigerators, washing machines and dishwashers will co-exist with the old labels before the new formats become mandatory.

Household dishwashers

- The new label is based on a D-A+++ scale and will have to be displayed from 20 December 2011.

Refrigerating appliances

- For refrigerating appliances classified in energy efficiency classes A+++ to C the label will be based on a D-A+++ scale. It will need to be displayed from 30 November 2011.
- For refrigerating appliances classified in energy efficiency classes D to G the label will be based on a G-A+++ scale. It will need to be displayed from 30 November 2011.

Washing machines

- The new label is based on a D-A+++ scale and will have to be displayed from 20 December 2011.

Televisions

- Televisions placed on the market from 30 November 2011 will need to bear a label A-G.
- From 1st January 2014 the label will have to be based on an F-A+ scale.
- From for 1st January 2017 the label will have to be based on an E-A++ scale.
- From 1st January 2020 the label will have to be based on a D- A+++.

- Suppliers that can meet the requirements for higher energy efficiency classes before those formats are legally required can already use the A+/A++/A+++ formats.

B) Provisions with delayed application

Suppliers and retailers will only need to comply with the following provisions at a later stage (from 20 April 2012 for dishwashers and washing machines and from 30 March 2012 for refrigerating appliances and televisions):

- Article 3(d): Suppliers to ensure that advertisement for a product contains its energy efficiency class;
- Article 3(e): Suppliers to ensure that technical promotional material includes energy efficiency class;
- Article 4(b): Dealers to ensure that products for sale, when end-users cannot be expected to see the product displayed, are marketed with the information provided by the supplier (the information required is listed in an Annex of each Regulation according to each specific product).
- Article 4(c): Dealers to ensure that advertisement for a product contains its energy efficiency class; and
- Article 4(d): Dealers to ensure that technical promotional material includes energy efficiency class.

2) EuP Implementing Regulations for Washing Machines and for Dishwashers.

Ecodesign Regulations for domestic washing machines and dishwashers have been formally adopted on 10 November 2010.

Washing Machines:

- Washing machines with an Energy Efficiency Index (EEI) < 68 (*i.e.*, washing machines below energy class A) will be phased out after 1st December 2011.
- Washing machines with an EEI < 59 (*i.e.*, washing machines below energy class A+) will be phased out after 1st December 2013.
- Limits for water consumption, standby and off modes are set.
- All washing machines shall include a cold wash option (20°C) from 1st December 2013.



Washing machines



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Household Dishwashers:

- Dishwashers (regular size) with an EEI < 33 (*i.e.*, dishwashers below energy class A) will be phased out after 1st December 2011.
- Dishwashers (regular size) with an EEI < 59 (*i.e.*, dishwashers below energy class A+) will be phased out from December 2013 onwards.



Dishwashers

Please notice that “phase out” means that only compliant products can be placed on the market (non-compliant products already in shops or in warehouse will not be removed).

3) Ecodesign Working Plan

The current Ecodesign Working Plan, which selects every 3 years the priority product groups to be addressed by the implementing measures under the Ecodesign directive, runs until 2012.

The Commission (DG Enterprise) has just launched a study to prepare for the next Working Plan. The study started mid November 2010 and is expected to deliver final results in October 2011.

The study website is available at <http://www.ecodesign-wp2.eu/>. If you register, you can receive regular updates.

4) Additional Material

- The International Energy Agency has issued a report providing guidance to policy makers and relevant stakeholders on best practices on compliance through monitoring, verification and enforcement in end-use appliance and equipment standards and labeling.
The report is available at <http://www.iea.org/papers/pathways/monitoring.pdf>
- The NGO campaign Coolproducts released an analysis of the EU Ecodesign policy. The study and a 2-page executive summary can be downloaded here:
<http://www.coolproducts.eu/resources/documents/EnergySaving-in-Practice.pdf>
<http://www.coolproducts.eu/resources/documents/EnergySaving-in-Practice-summary.pdf>

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