

ENERGY EFFICIENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Voluntary Labelling of Electrical Appliances

A voluntary scheme for labelling of household electrical appliances is being implemented since January 2014.

The aim was to introduce in Mauritius the concept of energy efficiency labelling of appliances and, with the collaboration of importers and dealers, provide information on energy consumption and efficiency to help customers make better purchasing decisions.

The scheme covered the following electrical appliances:

- (i) refrigerating appliances;
- (ii) electric ovens;
- (iii) electric dishwashers;
- (iv) room air conditioners;
- (v) washing machines;
- (vi) electric lamps; and
- (vii) tumble dryers.

The list is non-exhaustive.

Importers and dealers of electrical appliances can participate in the scheme to promote their products which are environmentally friendly by consuming less energy and being more energy efficient.

Standards for the labelling of the electrical appliances have been developed by the Mauritius Standards Bureau (msb@intnet.mu). A copy of the standards can be purchased from them.

Note that only one type of label is accepted, namely the EU energy label.

Developments

There has been a good response from importers and dealers of electrical appliances. Energy labels have been affixed voluntarily to appliances in showrooms since 2014.

Regulations have now been made under the Energy Efficiency Act 2011 to make labelling of electrical appliances mandatory as from July 2017. The regulations (*Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Regulated Machinery) Regulations 2017*) presently applies to refrigerating appliances, electric ovens and dishwashers only. Basically, as from July 01, 2017, the three appliances have to be registered with the EEMO and an energy label has to be affixed to these before they are put on display for sale in showrooms.



Application for registration is made through the Energy Efficiency Information Management System (EEIMS) of the EEMO. The URL is eeims.govmu.org

Other appliances

Importers and dealers of the other appliances (air conditioners, washing machines, tumble dryers and lamps) are encouraged to voluntarily affix an energy label to these. They may also wish to register their appliances with the EEMO. This will enable them to be ready before affixing of energy labels is made mandatory to these appliances too.