

# Energy Labelling

## Household Electrical Appliances and the law



There are a number of pieces of energy information legislation which impose duties on suppliers and retailers of household electrical appliances. The main duties imposed are the requirements to provide an energy efficiency rating and energy labelling for new appliances.

## If you supply household electrical appliances

Suppliers of household electrical appliances are required to determine the energy efficiency class of the appliance and have sufficient technical documentation to enable the accuracy of an energy label to be assessed. Information on the energy consumption of the goods must be provided on request and the information must be available for at least five years after the production of the appliance. They must also provide energy labels to retailers, free of charge, to be displayed with the products.

## If you sell household electrical appliances

Retailers of household electrical appliances must provide this energy information by clearly labelling the products on display, so that consumers can make informed decisions about the electrical goods that they purchase. The suppliers of household electrical appliances are required by the Regulations to supply the necessary labels free of charge to retailers, who must then display them with the goods.

This labelling requirement also applies to products sold by mail order, catalogue or over the internet and must therefore be included in your literature or on your website. It must also be provided to customers if you hire out electrical equipment.

The sale of second hand goods however is not covered by the regulations.

The household electrical appliances that need to be labelled include the following items, but please note that some products are exempt from energy labelling, depending on their size and power rating:

- washing machines \*
- tumble dryers \*
- combined washer-driers
- dishwashers
- refrigerators and freezers
- electric and fluorescent lamps \*
- household electric ovens \*
- household air conditioners \*

\*Subject to exemptions

# The Energy Label

An example of an energy label is shown opposite and it should include the supplier's name, the model, the model's energy efficiency class and its energy consumption. Other information will need to be included, but this will vary depending on the type of appliance. Further information can be found in the legislation, or by contacting the Trading Standards Service.

## Legislation

Energy Information and Energy Efficiency (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2001

Energy Information (Combined Washer-Driers) Regulations 1997

Energy Information (Dishwashers) Regulations 1999

Energy Information (Household Air Conditioners) Regulations 2003

Energy Information (Household Air Conditioners)(No 2) Regulations 2005

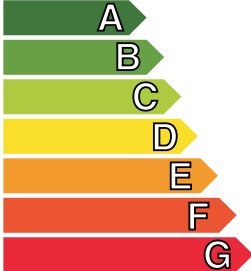


Energy Information (Household Electric Ovens) Regulations 2003

Energy Information (Household Refrigerators and Freezer) Regulations 2004

Energy Information (Lamps) Regulations 1999

Energy Information (Tumble Driers) Regulations 1996

Energy Information (Washing Machines) Regulations 1996 as amended

<b>Energy</b>		Washing machine
Manufacturer Model		
<b>More efficient</b> 		
Energy consumption kWh/cycle <small>(based on standard test results for 60°C cotton cycle)</small> <small>Actual energy consumption will depend on how the appliance is used</small>		0.95
Washing performance <small>A: higher G: lower</small>		<b>A</b> B C D E F G
Spin drying performance <small>A: higher G: lower</small> Spin speed (rpm)		1400
Capacity (cotton) kg Water consumption /		5.0 55
<b>Noise</b> (dB(A) re 1 pW)		Washing 5.2 Spinning 7.0
<small>Further information is continued in product brochures</small>		

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