

For the attention of electrical retailers

Placement on the market of refrigerating appliances, dishwashers, washing machines and washer dryers from the 1st March 2024

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The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) is the Market Surveillance Authority for the enforcement of legislation relating to energy labelling and ecodesign of energy-related products in Ireland.

Most of the requirements in the following Ecodesign Regulations came into force from 1st March 2021 - Regulation (EU) 2019/2019, Regulation (EU) 2019/2022, and Regulation (EU) 2019/2023. However, some updated maximum energy efficiency index (EEI) values¹ and functional requirements are to be applied from the **1st March 2024**.

These changes will impact retailers of **refrigerating appliances, dishwashers, washing machines and washer dryers** of certain energy efficiency classes.

The MSA is reminding electrical retailers to ensure they understand the new requirements, and how they can affect existing and upcoming supply chain arrangements.

The following types of products cannot be placed on the market from the 1st March 2024:

1. Dishwashers with a rated capacity equal to, or more than, 10 place settings rated F or G on the energy label;
2. Standard household refrigerating appliances (excluding wine coolers) rated F or G.
3. Household washing machines with a rated capacity higher than 3 kg and a washing cycle rated F or G;
4. Household washer-dryers with a rated washing capacity higher than 3 kg, with a washing cycle rated F or G or a wash and dry cycle rated G.²

¹ The EEI of a product is indicated in its Product Information Sheet.

² Also applicable to some wash and dry cycle of household washer-dryers rated F, when the product's EEIWD is higher than 88.

These requirements apply to the placing on the market or the putting into service of the above appliances. **They do not apply to the sale of products** already placed on the market before the 1st March 2024. 'Placing on the market' means making a product available for the first time on the European market with a view to its distribution or use within the EU, whether for reward or free of charge and irrespective of the selling technique.³

Sections 2.3 to 2.6 of the 'Blue Guide' on the implementation of EU product Rules 2022⁴ gives additional explanations and examples of "placing on the market" and "putting into service", which can be accessed here:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2022:247:FULL&from=EN>

This notice has been issued for information purposes only, please refer to the regulations and to the 'Blue Guide' to access the full extent of the requirements.

For further information, please contact info@seai.ie.

Further details on the upcoming requirements can be found in the following regulations:

- Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2019 of 1st October 2019 laying down ecodesign requirements for refrigerating appliances, and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2016 of 11th March 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of refrigerating appliances;
- Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2022 of 1st October 2019 laying down ecodesign requirements for household dishwashers, and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2017 of 11th March 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of household dishwashers;
- Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2023 of 1st October 2019 laying down ecodesign requirements for household washing machines and household washer-dryers, and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2014 of 11th March 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of household washing machines and household washer-dryers.



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³ As per definitions set out in Article 2 of Directive 2009/125/EC (Ecodesign Directive):

"Placing on the market" means making a product available for the first time on the Community market with a view to its distribution or use within the Community, whether for reward or free of charge and irrespective of the selling technique;(...)

"Putting into service" means the first use of a product for its intended purpose by an end-user in the Community;"

⁴ 2022/C 247/01 Commission Notice The 'Blue Guide' on the implementation of EU product rules 2022.