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Evaluation of Energy Labelling Directive and certain aspects of the Ecodesign Directive

This consultation is part of the review of the Energy Labelling Directive (2010/30/EU Art.14) required by the Directive by 31 December 2014. It also contributes additional information to the required review of the Ecodesign Directive (2009/125/EC Art. 21).

This public consultation, by enabling stakeholders to express their opinions on the various aspects of the Directives, aims to draw upon a wide variety of experience, opinion and ideas. The results will be used to contribute to a comprehensive and complete analysis of the performance of the Directives to date and how they can be improved in future.

The Commission is required to review the effectiveness of the application of the Directives and their implementing measures. The review will also consider the efficiency, relevance, coherence, EU added value and distributional effects of the Directives. The analysis associated with the review will examine the strengths and weaknesses of current implementation and will investigate options for change and their acceptability.

The mandatory EU Energy Label was first introduced in 1992 and updated by the current recast Directive in 2010. It now applies to more than 10 appliance product groups, with this number slowly increasing over time. The primary element of the label is a 7 class scale, A-G, which rates the energy efficiency of a product. Where necessary, the scale can be extended above class A with classes A+, A++ and A+++, in which case the lowest class may be F, E or D, provided there are no longer products on the market belonging to the classes below them. The label also includes information on energy consumption and in most cases on other product specific parameters such as size/capacity, noise, water efficiency. Energy labels aim to enable consumers to make informed choices by providing accurate, relevant and comparable information on energy efficiency and energy and other resource consumption of a product before consumers make their purchasing decision, thereby indirectly improving the overall efficiency of the products that are produced and purchased.

The EU Ecodesign Directive was introduced in 2005 and updated in 2009. Within its framework EU-wide minimum energy and environmental performance standards for products are set-out to remove the most inefficient and poorest performing products from the market. It applies to energy using products (EuPs) and energy related products (ErPs), with specific measures implemented for over 20 product groups, with this number also increasing over time.

Further information on the Directives and other related information is available at the Europa [website](#) of Directorate-General for Energy.

The results of the public consultation will feed into an evaluation study run by external consultants. The study will form a major part of the analysis for the review and is carried out by a consortium led by Ecofys and including Waide Strategic Efficiency, SoWatt, SEVEn, Öko-Institut, and ISR / University of Coimbra. The study website can be accessed here: <http://www.energylabelevaluation.eu>.

This public consultation survey will run from 31 August to 30 November 2013. A final evaluation report will be published in 2014, please check the study website (see above), the consultation page or the relevant European Commission pages for updates.

Two versions of the survey are available:

A simplified version:
tailored at consumers and small and medium enterprises (individual retailers and manufacturers)

available in all EU languages
including multiple choice questions only;

A full version:

targeted at all other stakeholders (public officials, industry representatives, NGOs, etc.)
available in English only
including the possibility to also provide free text answers.

Note that small and medium enterprises (individual retailers and manufacturers) can fill in the full survey should they wish to do so.

The simplified version will take up to 30 minutes to fill in, while the full version may require up to 90 minutes. There is no option to save your answers while filling in the survey, so the survey will need to be finished in one session.

While you are encouraged to answer all the questions offered, you may choose to answer only those questions that you consider relevant. For questions you find difficult to answer you may tick the box 'Don't know'.

For access to the simplified survey click [here](#)

For access to the full survey click [here](#)