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How does Ecodesign work and how can it deal with refrigerants?

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Part of an integrated approach

Integrated product policy:

- The production phase is addressed by the RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment*
- The use phase is addressed by the Ecodesign
 Directive and by the Energy Labelling Directive
- The end-of-life phase is addressed in the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive 2002/96/EC (the WEEE Directive)*

Life cycle analysis performed on a number of energy using products show that most environmental impact occurs during **the use phase**.

* Recast under way

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Energy efficiency of products - main instruments

• Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC

» «framework» defining the «rules» for setting product-specific requirements/legislation on energy efficiency and further parameters

• Energy Labelling Directive 2010/30/EU

» «framework» defining the «rules» for setting product-specific requirements/legislation on standard information of the consumption of energy and other resources



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The use phase: Interaction between the Ecodesign and the Energy Labelling Directives

The Ecodesign Directive addresses the **supply side** while

the Energy Labelling Directive addresses the **demand side**. It is the **combined** effect of both measures which ensures a dynamic improvement of the market.



Source: IEA, P. Waide, International use of policy instruments, Copenhagen, 05 April 2006



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Market transformation

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Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC

- The EU's main instrument
 - » to improve the environmental performance of energy-related products
 - to harmonise "ecodesign requirements" across EU Member States/internal market
- Criteria for "eligible" products:
 - » significant environmental impact
 - » significant potential for improvement
 - » significant trade and sales volume
 - (indicative: above 200 000 units per year)
 - Based on Life-cycle approach

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Energy Labelling Directive 2010/30/EU

- main aims: market transparency for consumers, incentives for innovation for manufacturers, market transformation towards highly efficient products/energy savings
- complementary to "minimum" ecodesign requirements
- new « framework » Directive provides that the energy label
 - » uses a classification «A» to «G» as basis
 - » A+, A++ and A+++ can be used
 - » only seven classes are shown
 - » colours are dark green to red
- review of classification when A+++ and A++ are significantly «populated» and further room for improvements exists
- Seldom relevant for 'industrial' products



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Process - Ecodesign

- technical, environmental and economic analysis of the product, open to participation of stakeholders worldwide
- **"Consultation Forum"**: discuss ecodesign requirements with Stakeholders (industry, NGOs, retailers...) and Member States
- impact assessment
- WTO/TBT notification
- **vote** on draft by EU Member States ("Regulatory Committee")
- Scrutiny/right of objection by European Parliament and Council
- adoption by Commission/publication in the Official Journal of the EU
- transition period for manufacturers for complying with requirements usually not less than one year



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Methodology of Preparatory studies ("<u>MEEuP</u>")



8. POLICY, IMPACT AND SENSITIVITY ANALYSES

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Status: Work Programme

- 1st phase Art. 16 addressing mainly household energy consumption
- 2nd phase 2008 WP moving to industrial and tertiary sectors in 2009-2011
- 3rd phase 2011 WP strengthening existing requirements and possibly filling the gaps





Regulations in force

- «savings» are savings compared to «no ecodesign/energy labelling» scenario
- savings correspond approx. to the electricity consumption of the UK
- details are in the impact assessments

Product	Estimated savings (annual by 2020)
Standby	35 TWh
Simple set-top boxes	6 TWh
Street & Office lighting	38 TWh
External power supplies	9 TWh
Domestic lighting	37 TWh
Electric motors	135 TWh
Circulators	23 TWh
Freezers/refrigerators	6 TWh
Televisions	43 TWh
Total	333 TWh



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Status: measures under preparation

washing machines, dish washers, boilers and water heaters, commercial refrigerators, computers/monitors, copiers/printers (possibly self regulation), pumps, air-conditioners, complex set-top boxes (self regulation), vacuum cleaners, reflector lamps and luminaires, solid fuel small combustion installations, air based central heating, transformers, sound and imaging equipment, other refrigerating & freezing equipment, furnaces, machine tools



Relation with standardisation

Roles of EU and ESO:

• EU legislation sets out *requirements*

• CEN/CENELEC set *standards*

Conclusions

- In general about a 3 year process
- Now a Horizontal Mandate for Ecodesign
- Close involvement of industry and Member States



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Developments in Ecodesign

New Work Programme

- Review of ERP methodology
- Revision/evaluation of Ecodesign 2012 and EL 2014 – questions: timing, all products, systems, integration of instruments...
- In a few years start of reviews and possible revisions of existing measures



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• Website of DG ENER

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/ecodesign/eco_design_en.htm

• Website of DG ENTR

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sustainablebusiness/ecodesign/index_en.htm

Thank you for your attention.



