

Have you registered your product in EPREL, the European Product Registry for Energy Labelling?

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In the early 1990s, the current EU energy labelling system was introduced with an A to G scale. However, as technical improvements were introduced in product design, the energy efficiency of our electrical household products has improved dramatically. Now almost all products achieve the requirements of category A. The labelling system then became meaningless for consumers, as all labels showed the same A category. Subsequently, the scale was extended to A+, and later even more pluses were added, up to three plus signs. To make it even more complicated, today the EU Energy Label system has several different scales for energy efficiency. In some classes, the scale goes from A to G, while others range from A+++ to D.

This has led to confusion, as consumers may not know what the top rating is. In 2017, the authorities decided to revert to the old A to G scale for all products. The rescaling of current product categories will take place in the next five to eight years. The Energy Label itself has also been redesigned.

Who needs to register their products in the EU Product Database for Energy Labelling (EPREL)? It is the suppliers who must register. Suppliers are defined either as the manufacturer, if the products are made within the European market, or the importer, if made outside of Europe. A transition time is allowed for products brought to market from January 2017 to January 2019. The deadline for registering the data on these products is 30 June, 2019.

Nemko can advise on the data that must be registered for a product, but cannot complete the registration process. Each supplier must create a user profile in the database and register their products. The information needed includes contact details of supplier, legal identification, model, energy label, product information, technical documentation with standards, reports, user manuals, etc.

“This will be a powerful tool for the market surveillance authorities,” says Jon Ivar Tidemann, Vice President, Energy & Environment at Nemko. “They are able to search in the database to find if the necessary information has been registered for any given model of a product. In the database they will find both a complete technical file and full contact details on suppliers that have put the products on the market. Customs officials can now ensure that a product is registered in the database before they allow shipments of electric goods to enter the European market,” he says.

Registration deadlines for EPREL:

1 January, 2019: All new product models that are brought to market must be registered in the database before they are brought to market.

1 April, 2019: Information in the database is visible for market surveillance authorities and the public.

30 June, 2019: By this date, suppliers must have registered all models of products that were brought to market between 1 August, 2017 and 1 January, 2019.

It is possible, but not required, to register information on products that were brought to market before 1 August, 2017.

Link to EPREL is [here](#) [1].

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