

Important notice for solid fuel stove retailers regarding Ecodesign compliance

Do you know if the solid fuel stoves you are selling comply with Ecodesign requirements? If not, you should check with your supplier(s)*

Since 1 January 2022, all solid fuel stoves placed on the market by suppliers must comply with legal requirements in relation to improved product efficiency and reduced emissions. These criteria originate from the Ecodesign Directive, which applies to a wide range of energy related products, and which has the aim of reducing energy consumption through increasing the efficiency of products, while minimising environmental impacts. The Ecodesign requirements for solid fuel stoves have been well flagged in the stove manufacturing industry, with a six-year lead in time included in the relevant legislation to allow the industry to make the necessary changes to products and supply chains. There is no valid reason for suppliers to have placed products on the market after the 1 January 2022 that are not Ecodesign compliant.

What is 'placement on the market'?

Put simply, 'placement on the market' is the point at which a supplier agrees the transfer of the ownership of a product(s) with another person/entity in the supply chain. In effect, it is when the transaction for the supply of the product occurs. It is only the supplier that places the product on the market, and the product must comply with the legislation at that point. Retailers typically do not place products on the market (unless they are also acting as a supplier). In practice, it could be when you, as a retailer, provide a purchase order number to your supplier(s) or when you make a payment for units of a product they have supplied. However, it depends on the situation, and could have already occurred earlier in the supply chain.

If you have products in stock, that were placed on the market by the supplier(s) before 1 January 2022, you can continue to sell these products. However, if you have products in stock that do not comply with the current Ecodesign requirements and these products were placed on the market after 1 January 2022, then the supplier responsible for placing these products on the market has breached this legislation. You should also be aware that even though a product model may have been placed on the market before the new Ecodesign requirements came into effect, individual units of the same product model, which are placed on the market after the new requirements have become applicable, must comply with these new requirements. If you have products in stock that you think may not comply with Ecodesign, you should raise this with the supplier concerned.

How do I know if a solid fuel stove I am selling complies with Ecodesign?

Your supplier should be able to definitively state whether or not a product is compliant with Ecodesign. All products that comply with Ecodesign should have an Ecodesign Declaration of Conformity (DoC) so, should you have any doubts, you could request this from your supplier.

Further information

Should you require any further information, please contact info@seai.ie.

* a 'supplier' is either the manufacturer based in the EU (or its authorised representative if based outside the EU) or the importer of a solid fuel stove product.