

Changes to ecodesign and energy labelling requirements for tumble dryers

For the attention of manufacturers, importers, suppliers, and dealers of tumble dryers

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Introduction

Commission Regulation (EU) No 932/2012 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 392/2012 will soon be replaced by [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2533](#) and [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2023/2534](#).

Most of the requirements of the new regulations are applicable from **1st July 2025** and impact manufacturers, importers, suppliers and dealers of tumble dryer products.

This notice provides an overview of the main changes to the ecodesign and energy labelling requirements applicable to tumble dryer products. The MSA encourages all relevant economic operators to refer to the regulations to ensure they understand how the new requirements affect their activity.

Manufacturers and importers (suppliers): summary of main changes to consider

From 1st July 2025 onwards:

- Household tumble dryers placed on the market or put into service must not have an Energy Efficiency Index (EEI) higher than 85;
- The condensation efficiency of condenser tumble dryers shall not be lower than 80%;
- Resource efficiency requirements introduced for tumble dryer products for the first time.

These requirements apply to the placing on the market or the putting into service¹ of products. You can find more information on and examples of “placing on the market” and “putting into service” in sections 2.3 to 2.6 of the [‘Blue Guide’ on the implementation of EU product Rules 2022](#).

¹ 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;”.

Regulation (EU) 2023/2533 also sets out obligations related to programmes and low-power mode, and provides a new set of requirements to support resource efficiency and the information of users, installers, and repairers. These entail making spare parts and certain information available on a free access website and/or within the user manual provided with the product.

Suppliers of tumble dryers are also subject to a number of energy labelling requirements, set out in Regulation (EU) 2023/2534. These relate to the product’s energy label and product information sheet, including:

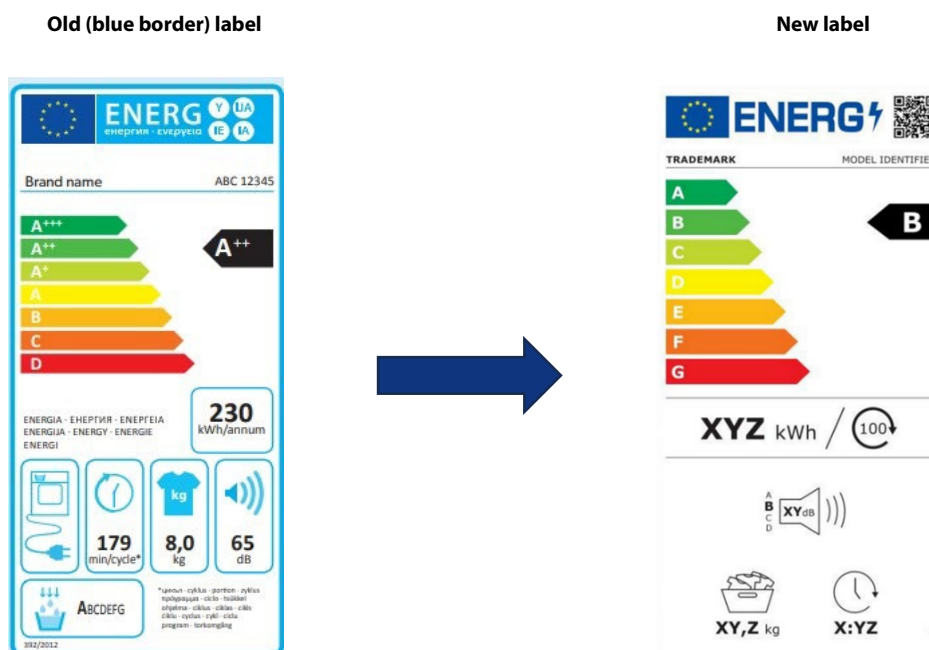
- The provision of an appropriate printed energy label to dealers (retailers) with each product and within five working days of a request;
- Availability of certain values for product parameters within the European Product Registry for Energy Labelling (EPREL) database;
- Energy labelling within visual advertisements and technical brochures.

Between the 1st March and the 30th June 2025, suppliers must deliver products with both old and new energy labels, as appropriate.

Dealers (retailers): summary of main changes to consider

Until the 1st July 2025, all tumble dryers offered for sale in stores and online must bear the old (blue border) energy label.

There is a **transition period from 1st July 2025 to 18th July 2025**, during which all retailers must ensure the blue border labels are correctly replaced with the new labels provided by the suppliers:



Please note: the display of the UK energy label is not permitted.

If a product does not have a new energy label, it must be sold by 31st March 2026, within nine months of the regulation’s application date.

Regulation (EU) 2023/2534 also sets requirements for energy labelling within visual advertisements and technical brochures.

As with all product categories covered by energy labelling regulations, the European Product Registry for Energy Labelling (EPREL) offers more detailed information on models placed on the EU market, and access to the product information sheet. This database of information is accessible to the general public and can be accessed by scanning the QR code featured on the energy label.

It is the suppliers' obligation to ensure an appropriate printed energy label is provided to dealers with each product. Suppliers are also obliged to provide the product energy label to dealers within five working days of a request.

In instances where a supplier fails to meet this obligation, you can contact SEAI to report this at MSAComplaints@seai.ie.

For more information

Resources to help manufacturers, importers, suppliers and dealers ensure compliance with the applicable ecodesign and energy labelling requirements are available [on the SEAI website](#) at and on the [European Commission website](#).

To understand your company's role(s) and responsibilities within the supply chain, please refer to the following links to European Commission webpages [on ecodesign](#), and [energy labelling](#).

While the MSA provides guidance to help ensure economic operators are aware of their obligations, it is the responsibility of each economic operator to ensure they comply with their requirements. Failure to comply with EU ecodesign and energy labelling obligations is considered an offence in Irish law (S.I. 669 of 2022 and S.I. 454 of 2013, as amended by S.I. 671 of 2022) and there are enforcement powers available to the MSA to deal with instances of non-compliance. Therefore, it is important that your organisation is aware of these changes.

This notice is a non-exhaustive list of requirements issued only for information purposes. For the full extent of the requirements, please refer to the regulations.

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