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Market Surveillance action of EU Energy Label and Minimum Efficiency Requirements of electrical household products

Malta is one of the member states which joined a European-wide project aimed at ensuring that specific electrical products comply with energy labelling and minimum efficiency requirements of the European Union. This is the EEPLIANT action and Malta will be participating through the Technical Regulations Division of the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority.

With the kick-off conference held from 29 to 30 April 2015 in Brussels, the EEPLIANT Action has been officially launched. The key objective of the EEPLIANT is to help deliver the intended economic and environment benefits of the EU Energy Labelling and Ecodesign legislations by increasing the rates of compliance with the EU energy efficiency requirements.

This will be achieved through coordinating the monitoring, verification and enforcement activities of 13 Market Surveillance Authorities across the EU Single Market. The project is coordinated by PROSAFE and is funded by the European Union's research and development support mechanism Horizon 2020. During the next 28 months, the project participants will review, sample and test energy performance of hundreds of LED lamps, home and office printers, and space and combination heaters. These products will be taken from the market - shops and other distribution channels, just as regular consumers and end-users would do, and their compliance with the energy efficiency related requirements will be inspected and measured in laboratories. In case of any noncompliance found, the market surveillance authorities will take appropriate enforcement action on their own markets.

Malta will be taking part in the energy efficiency of LED lamps, which are very common with Maltese households and to which a large number of consumers are exposed. A number of lamps will thus be elevated from the market in Malta and sent to overseas labs according to the terms of the joint action.

The project has been designed not only to assist authorities in verifying energy consumption of hundreds of specific products found on the EU market, but also to facilitate the cooperation with other stakeholders, such as industry associations, in achieving higher rates of overall product compliance with the EU legislation requirements.

Individual products selected for compliance verification will be selected based on high risk of noncompliance. Apart from Malta, countries directly represented within the project include Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.



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This information is issued by PROSAFE and the surveillance authorities representing 12 EU countries in the EEPLIANT 2014 Action.

The Action is coordinated by PROSAFE (Product Safety Forum of Europe), a non-profit organisation that brings together market surveillance officers from all over Europe and across the world. Visit www.prosafe.org to learn more. On this website you will also find more information about EEPLIANT 2014 and the other Joint Actions coordinated by PROSAFE. Explore the links to "Projects" in the left-hand column.

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