



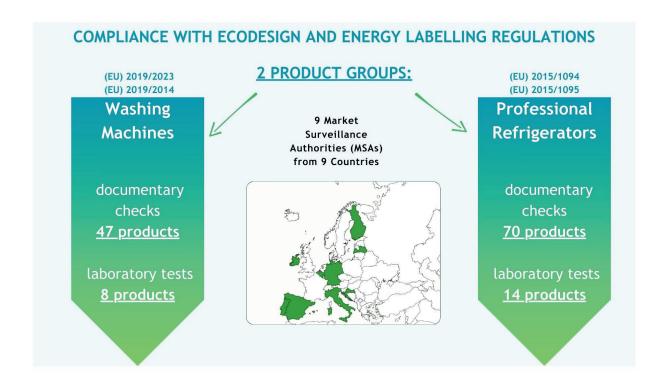


First Newsletter JAHARP2022-01

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DETECTING NON-COMPLIANT PRODUCTS IN EUROPE

The JAHARP2022-01 is a 24-month pan-European Project co-funded by the European Union (EU). The activity concerned falls within the scope of Energy Labelling and Ecodesign Regulations.



The Action aims to:

Objective 1 - Remove non-compliant products from the Single Market.

Objective 2 - Support the application of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1020.

9 Market Surveillance Authorities are participating in the Action under the coordination of <u>PROSAFE</u>.

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Call for Tenders for test laboratories

The <u>Call for Tenders</u> for accredited laboratories was launched on 29 January 2024, the working groups are currently in the evaluation phase of all received tenders.

Market Surveillance Cycle Where are we now? Phase One Market and Risk analysis Phase Two **ONGOING** Common Code of Practice and Checklist for Phase Three conformity checks Tendering and selection of test **STARTING SOON** laboratories **Phase Four** Inspection and Testing Phase Five Risk assessment for non-compliant Phase Six Enforcement actions on non-compliant products Phase Seven Disposal of products

Overview of the state of play



This project concerns household washing machines, with washer dryers being excluded.

Until the 2021 Energy Labelling Revision, over 50% of the washing machines on the EU market were ranked A+++, thus not stimulating technical advancement and not fulfilling its information role for consumers. The Energy Labelling and Ecodesign Regulations (EU) 2019/2023 and (EU) 2019/2014 introduced new requirements, a rescaled label and complex tests. This project aims to help MSAs develop capacity fast and gain on-field experience to perform related market surveillance activities.

After a first market screening of 69 models, the group eliminated potential duplicates across countries. From these, the MSAs selected 47 washing machines for documentary inspection. A common template was developed for these inspections which are ongoing. Based on their results, 8 samples will be identified to be sent to an accredited test laboratory.



Professional Refrigerated Storage Cabinets

This project concerns refrigerators and freezers used in the hospitality sector (professional/commercial catering).

Results of several EU-funded joint actions and national campaigns showed a relatively high non-compliance level with the Energy Labelling and Ecodesign requirements for these products, especially for products claiming 'heavy duty' status, with errors on how net volume was measured, energy consumption higher than declared, as well as failure of appliances to meet temperature requirements (which has food safety implications). The testing in this project will follow the compliance with Regulation (EU) 2015/1094 and Regulation (EU) 2015/1095.

The group members are in the process of requesting documents for inspection covering at least 70 products and will also refer to data saved to the EPREL labelling database. Based on this preliminary screening, the group will identify 14 samples to send to an accredited test laboratory over the course of 2024.

Findings from the document inspections and laboratory testing will stimulate discussion with many suppliers, helping them to bring products and declared information into compliance. This will benefit all users and help to secure a safer market. Some interactions may result in other forms of enforcement action by authorities, if necessary.

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Communication and Outreach

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