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Regulatory Alert

Further information on Energy Efficiency and Energy Labelling requirements in Belarus

Further to PCS' Regulatory Alert dated 13th January 2017, the below information regarding Energy Efficiency (EE) Approval and Energy Labelling (EL) requirements, and application procedure has been confirmed with the regulator in Belarus.

As a reminder, EE and EL requirements will come into force on 1st September 2017 and 1st July 2018 depending on product scope. Full details can be found <u>here</u>.

Please see below some important points:

Energy Efficiency

- 1. AC powered household electrical appliances will require EE Certification
- 2. Certification can be obtained either via local testing or via a paperwork only process based on test reports issued by accredited ISO/IEC 17025 third-party testing laboratories
- 3. Mandatory surveillance will be performed once every two years. A decision on whether the surveillance procedure will be performed based on the acceptance of CIG023 reports (paperwork only) or via local testing will be made at a later stage. PCS will be monitoring this closely and will inform manufacturers once additional information has been made available.
- 4. No local representative will be required for EE Certification
- 5. Certificates will be valid for 5 years
- Although requirements for EE compliance comes into force on 1st September 2017 and 1st July 2018 depending on product scope, manufacturers can obtain EE Certification in advance and will be dated with the planned implemented dates.
- Products that have already been introduced on Belarus market before 1st September 2017 and 1st July 2018 will not be affected.

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- 8. Applicable fees for EE certification and annual surveillance will be confirmed nearer the date of implementation.
- 9. Lead time is expected to be 4 weeks.

Energy labelling

- 1. Energy labels (EE labels) are mandatory for all products with the exception of:
 - a. External power sources and Household and office equipment (cooktops; microwave cookers; toasters, fryers, electrically operated knives, food processors, coffee machines; printers; scanners; monitors; amplified speakers of AC power supply; multimedia project1ors; broadcasting receivers; video tape recorders; video recorder cameras; sound-recording devices; audio amplifiers; home theater systems; electric musical instruments; other equipment for sound and image record and playback, including equipment for image and sound transmission in ways other than telecommunication channels via signals and other means, except for TV sets).
- 2. EE label needs to be in Russian language. Manufacturers are required to provide technical documentation and Energy Labelling that will contain the following information:
 - a. Manufacturer's name or trade mark;
 - b. Manufacturer's model identification;
 - c. The energy efficiency class of an appliance;
 - d. The energy consumption of an appliance etc. (data depends on specific product).
 - e. Dealers need to ensure EE labels are displayed properly on the outside of the front or top of the device.

PCS will be following any further developments on this article very closely and will keep customers updated once more information becomes available.

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