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Welcome

This is the fifth appliance online newsletter designed to keep on line users of the registration facility abreast of the latest developments. We are continuing to develop and improve the site and welcome suggestions for improvement from all users. If you have a problem with the system or would simply like to offer a suggestion for improvement please contact Robert Foster (System Administrator) on 03 56 232711 (Note: this is a new number) or email to rwfoster@energyefficient.com.au.

This issue is devoted to three main topics: New arrangements for registration expiry dates, the concept of registration "grandfathering" and the new provisions for registering clothes washers and dishwashers for water rating.

New Arrangements for Registration Expiry Dates

As of 1 April 2005 a new nationally consistent registration expiry system is being introduced. The system will operate as follows:

Irrespective of the date of registration all registered products will have their expiry date set to the second occurrence of 31 March on or after the registration date (eg for a product registered on 30 September 2005 the expiry date would be set at 31/03/2007 or if registered on 1 April 2006 expiry would be 31/03/2008). This rule shall apply unless an earlier date had already been proclaimed for a change of regulation. (eg new MEPS level) in which case that date shall apply.

Each year on 31 March all registrations will have their expiry dates automatically "rolled over" without charge for a further year (eg on 31/03/2006 expiry dates will be rolled over from 31/03/2007 until 31/03/2008). This process continues until either:

- A total of 3 annual rollovers have occurred, in which case no further automatic rollovers will occur and cancellation of the registration will be undertaken on the noted expiry date.
- New regulations (eg new MEPS levels or performance requirements) are scheduled to start before the next roll over date in which case the registrations will be extended only until that date.

It is intended that once a year details of the upcoming rollover arrangements for each appliance type shall be notified to industry via the posting of a "Summary of Registration Requirements" on the energyrating website (the most current schedule can found at www.energyrating.gov.au/forms (follow the link to "registration expiry dates").

Grandfathering

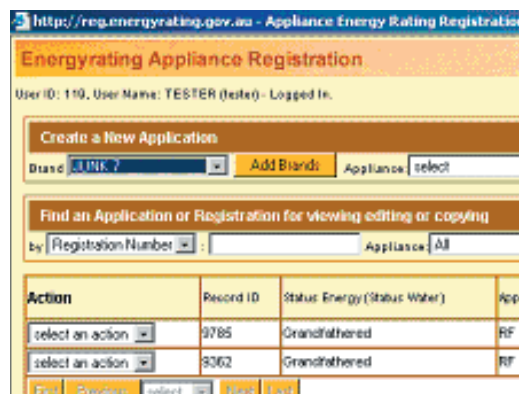
Products that are manufactured in or imported to Australia following the introduction of new regulations (eg new MEPS levels) will require re registration for that product to be legally sold.

However, stocks of non-complying products that were manufactured in or imported to Australia prior to the effective date of legislation affecting them can be sold for an indefinite period provided they were properly registered before the date of the new regulations. These provisions are known as the “grandfathering” provisions.


At the time of the introduction of new regulations, regulators will by default re-set the status of your currently registered (but non compliant product) to “Grandfathered” status (see example to right). Grandfathered status is a special form of registration cancellation that allows for the legal sale of product made or imported into Australia prior to the introduction of new regulations.

Grandfathered products will not (by default) appear on the interactive public listing of registered products that can be found at www.energyrating.gov.au/productmenu. However, grandfathered product (termed as “run-out” products on the public site) can be viewed on this site by checking the box in the section below the search fields (see example opposite).

Suppliers who do not want their products to appear on the list of “grandfathered” products can request a simple cancellation by the regulator.



New User Manual

In August 2005 a new version of the user manual (Version – 06) was loaded onto the site. The new manual has been restructured into two main sections, Basic Functions (for new users) and “Advanced Functions” for more experienced users. There is also a new introductory section for new users. To download this new edition of the user manual left mouse click on the “user guide” button  on the home page and follow the instructions.

Tip

If the system appears to crash and an error page pops up noting that the “page cannot be displayed” try using the F5 button to refresh the screen. Once the screen is refreshed carefully check the input data for any errors before attempting to proceed to the next page. If the problem persists call the system administrator.



Following are a few common errors that some users make when entering data for a record:

Including units -

When inputting values into the fields in an application form never include the measurement unit. For example, power consumption should be input as “2.03” not “2.03 kW”.

Numerical Syntax –

When inputting numbers be careful to ensure that commas are not used and that a number does not include more than one decimal point.

Air-conditioners –

Section 16 – Some applicants select for the field “Air-conditioner configuration – heat source” – “N/A cooling only” and for the field “Air-conditioner configuration – heat sink” - “N/A heating only”. This combination of configuration selections is not sensible and will cause a problem on proceeding pages.

List all Models Eligible for an Award

On the main page, at the head of the “Awards Status” column you will find a new button called “TESAW/Allstar”. By clicking on this button only records that either have an award or are eligible for an award will be displayed.

Model	Award Status	State
9875785	TESAW / Allstar	XREG1
123		XREG1
Test		XREG1

Off Market Function

Complaints are regularly received from consumers that either:

- Products listed on the energy rating website are not available, or
- Products available on the shop floor do not appear on the energyrating website

Depending upon your products availability you can choose to have your product displayed or not displayed on the interactive product listing by altering the “off market date’. For details of how to manage the off market date refer to the user manual.

Registering for Water Rating - Dishwashers & Clothes Washers

On 22 August 2005, amendments to both the clothes washer and the dishwasher standards were published. These amendments introduced (amongst other things) the option of registering your clothes washer or dishwasher for water labelling. Water labelling for these products is voluntary until 30/6/2006 after which it will be mandatory.

New Applications

Those who wish to register their new products early for water rating can now choose the option of registering for “energy and water labelling” on the first page of the application form. You will also need to specify the standard to which the water labelling application is being made.

Section 1 – Energy Rating Form (with option for choosing to register for water labelling)

What is this application for? ?

Energy Labelling Application to Standard ?

Water labelling application to Standard: ?

Single Model or Family? ?

Those who choose to register for water rating will find a new sub form at the end of the standard application form. The sub form (coloured blue for easy identification) contains fields specific to the water rating scheme. These fields must be completed so that your application for water rating can be processed.

Water Rating Sub Form sample

Applications for Energy rating and Water rating are processed separately by different government departments. The status of your application for both energy and water rating (in brackets) is now separately noted on the home page (see sample).

Existing Applications

If you have existing energy labelling registrations that you would like to be registered for water rating as well, then you can choose to add a water rating application to your existing approved energyrating registration.

On the home page do a search for the product for which you want to make application for a water rating label. In the action column (far left hand column) select "New Water Registration". Complete the blue water rating form that is displayed and submit for approval.

For further information on the water rating scheme go to www.waterrating.gov.au

Status Energy (Status Water)	Action
Submitted (Submitted)	D
Submitted (Approved)	C
On Hold	C
Submitted (Approved)	D
Submitted (Submitted)	C
On Hold	C
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