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Dear Steve

LABEL TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS – REFRIGERATORS AND AIRCONDITIONERS.

As part of ongoing Equipment Energy Efficiency Programme (E3) product updates, it is proposed that both refrigerators and air conditioners have a new energy label and new algorithm in 2009.

A working group convened in April 2007 made the following label design recommendations:

1. That there should be no major changes to the label design for refrigerators or air conditioners.
2. To trial minor label design issues at forthcoming focus groups, in particular: the colour band at the bottom of the label; a range of possible wording options for transition information; and enhancement of website wording on the label.
3. All products imported or manufactured after October 2009 should carry the new energy label.
4. From October 2008 the new label with the old star rating also displayed in a green band (transition wording) may be affixed (details to be finalised).
5. From April 2009 the new label with no green band can be affixed, green bands should not be on display after October 2009.

The proposed transition will allow a full six months during which the transition label may be affixed to products on display (to April 2009) and a further 6 months to remove old labels from display (to October 2009).

To assist retailers, it was also recommended that:

1. Product packaging should indicate that the product inside has a new label attached. This would assist retailers to clear older stock.
2. Guidelines should be prepared to assist retailers to move all older floor stock during the transition to avoid problems later.

3. E3 work with manufacturers to develop a communication plan for retailers to try to ensure a smooth transition and all products on display carry a new label by October 2009.

Please contact Simone Tiele (for refrigerators) on 02 6274 1340 or at simone.tiele@environment.gov.au, or Eva Oberender (for air conditioners) on 02 6274 1674 or at eva.oberender@environment.gov.au to discuss any of the above proposed arrangements.

Yours sincerely



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