

ENFORCEMENT ROADMAP FOR NEW REGULATIONS ON ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTS 2023

1. All cargo shipped and arriving in the country with Actual Time of Arrival (ATA) by 31st October 2023, and being cleared from November 2023 onwards will be exempted from the new enforcement regime.
2. All shipments arriving from 2nd November 2023 onwards will be subjected to the new enforcement regime.
3. Under the new enforcement regime, the following requirements need to be met;
 - a) Submission of technical documentation (energy efficiency performance test report)
 - b) Registration of models
 - c) Labeling of regulated products
4. The provision of the regulation on re-export of items that do not meet the requirement from 2nd November 2023, will be relaxed until July 2024. This will allow importers to clear all pre-ordered goods made which have been delayed as a result of shipments or from the factory. However, such consignments and items will be cleared under detention to avoid demurrage pending the payment of an enforcement fee. Importers will be advised on the compliance status of items to avoid future imports of non-compliant models. For compliant models, the registration and labeling or re-labeling will be done locally.
5. All imports arriving in Ghana with ATA by 1st August 2024, without meeting the registration and labeling requirement will be asked to be re-exported according to the provisions of the regulations. In cases where this is not possible, the other provisions of the regulations will be applicable.
6. In the specific case of import of non-ducted air conditioners with cooling capacity less than 4kW, a minimum AEER of 3.22 will be required from 1st August 2024 till 31st July 2025. All imports from 1st August 2025 onwards with cooling capacity less than 4kW will be required to meet a minimum AEER of 3.66.
7. In the specific case of ceiling fans under the comfort fans regulation, the air delivery rate will be flexible depending on the blade dimension (mm). However, the minimum Service Value of 3.1 will have to be met for blade dimension from 750mm to 1200mm. On the other hand, blade dimension above 1200mm will have to meet the minimum Service Value of 3.50.

- 8.** The Commission urges the Consumer Electronics & Home Appliances Alliance Ghana (CEHA), Concern Second Hand Dealers Association Ghana (CSDAG) and all importers to take note of this enforcement roadmap to avoid any inconvenience at the port of entry.
- 9.** The sales of items already in showrooms and warehouses will be allowed. In the case of refrigerators and Air-conditioners, the old and the new labels will operate side by side until January 2025. The Commission will however encourage importers and retailers to initiate the process of testing and labeling of existing new products which have been brought under the regulatory regime in accordance with the new regulations.
- 10.** It is a requirement that by January 2025, more than 90% of regulated appliances being sold and displayed in the showroom must be registered and bear the new labels otherwise items will be taken off the showroom.
- 11.** Market surveillance and verification testing will be carried out during these periods and enforcement fees charged for non-compliance. The retailer or distributor needs to show evidence of old stock during the period.