

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2019/2023****of 1 October 2019****laying down ecodesign requirements for household washing machines and household washer-dryers pursuant to Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008 and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-related products <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 15(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Directive 2009/125/EC the Commission should set ecodesign requirements for energy-related products which account for significant volumes of sales and trade in the Union and which have a significant environmental impact and presenting significant potential for improvement through design in terms of their environmental impact, without entailing excessive costs.
- (2) The Communication from the Commission COM(2016)773 <sup>(2)</sup> (ecodesign working plan) established by the Commission in application of Article 16(1) of Directive 2009/125/EC sets out the working priorities under the ecodesign and energy labelling framework for the period 2016-2019. The Working Plan identifies the energy-related product groups to be considered as priorities for the undertaking of preparatory studies and eventual adoption of implementing measures, as well as the review of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010 <sup>(3)</sup>, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1061/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> and Commission Directive 96/60/EC <sup>(5)</sup>.
- (3) Measures from the Working Plan have an estimated potential to deliver a total in excess of 260 TWh of annual final energy savings in 2030, which is equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 100 million tonnes per year in 2030. Household washing machines and household washer-dryers are among the product groups listed in the Working Plan, with estimated annual electricity savings of 2,5 TWh, leading to GHG emission reductions of 0,8 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq/year, and estimated water savings of 711 million m<sup>3</sup> in 2030.
- (4) The Commission established ecodesign requirements for household washing machines in Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010 and pursuant to that Regulation, the Commission should review it in light of technological progress.
- (5) The Commission has reviewed Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010 and analysed the technical, environmental and economic aspects of household washing machines and household washer-dryers as well as real-life user behaviour. The review was carried out in close cooperation with stakeholders and interested parties from the Union and third countries. The results of the review were made public and presented to the Consultation Forum established by Article 18 of Directive 2009/125/EC.
- (6) It appears from the review study that there is a need to revise the ecodesign requirements for household washing machines and to establish ecodesign requirements for household washer-dryers. The requirements relate to the use of essential resources such as energy and water. There is also a need to introduce requirements related to resource efficiency such as reparability and recyclability.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 285, 31.10.2009, p. 10.

<sup>(2)</sup> Communication from the Commission. Ecodesign working plan 2016-2019, COM(2016) 773 final, 30.11.2016.

<sup>(3)</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010 of 10 November 2010 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for household washing machines (OJ L 293, 11.11.2010, p. 21).

<sup>(4)</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1061/2010 of 28 September 2010 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of household washing machines (OJ L 314, 30.11.2010, p. 47).

<sup>(5)</sup> Commission Directive 96/60/EC of 19 September 1996 implementing Council Directive 92/75/EEC with regard to energy labelling of household combined washer-driers (OJ L 266, 18.10.1996, p. 1).

- (7) The environmental aspects of household washing machines and household washer-dryers, which have been identified as significant for the purposes of this Regulation are the consumption of energy and water during the use phase, the generation of waste at the end of life and the emissions to air and water in the production phase (due to the extraction and processing of raw materials) and in the use phase (because of the consumption of electricity and water discharge).
- (8) The annual energy and water consumption of products subject to this Regulation in the Union was estimated at 35,3 TWh and 2 496 million m<sup>3</sup> respectively in the Union in 2015. The projected electricity consumption of household washing machines and household washer-dryers in a business as usual scenario is estimated to decrease to 33,5 TWh in 2030 and the water consumption to decrease to 1 764 million m<sup>3</sup> in 2030. That decrease in energy and water consumption may be accelerated if the existing ecodesign requirements are updated. Finally, the service life-time of household washing machines and household washer-dryers has been estimated to have decreased in recent years to around 12,5 years and the trend is likely to continue in the absence of incentives.
- (9) The Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions COM(2015) 614 final <sup>(6)</sup> (circular economy action plan) and the Communication on the ecodesign working plan <sup>(7)</sup> underline the importance of using the ecodesign framework in order to support the move towards more resource efficient and circular economy. Directive 2012/19/EU <sup>(8)</sup> refers to Directive 2009/125/EC and indicate that ecodesign requirements should facilitate the re-use, dismantling and recovery of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) by tackling the issues upstream. Therefore this Regulation should lay down appropriate requirements contributing to circular economy objectives.
- (10) Non-household washing machines and non-household washer-dryers have distinct characteristics and uses. They are subject to other regulatory work, in particular Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on machinery <sup>(9)</sup>, and should not be included in the scope of this Regulation. Provisions for household washing machines and household washer-dryers should apply to washing machines and washer-dryers with the same technical characteristics, regardless of the setting they are used in.
- (11) Household washing machines and household washer-dryers with more than one drum should be subject to specific rules only if all their drums perform the same function. Otherwise, each drum should be considered as a separate household washing machine or as a separate household washer-dryer.
- (12) Specific requirements for the low power modes of household washing machines and household washer-dryers should be laid down. The requirements of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008 <sup>(10)</sup> should not apply to products covered by the scope of this Regulation. Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008 should be amended accordingly.
- (13) The relevant product parameters should be measured using reliable, accurate and reproducible methods. Those methods should take into account the recognised state-of-the-art measurement methods including, where available, harmonised standards adopted by the European standardisation organisations, as listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(11)</sup>.
- (14) In accordance with Article 8 of Directive 2009/125/EC, this Regulation should specify the applicable conformity assessment procedures.
- (15) To facilitate compliance checks, manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives should provide information in the technical documentation referred to in Annexes IV and V to Directive 2009/125/EC in so far as that information relates to the requirements laid down in this Regulation.

<sup>(6)</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. Closing the loop — An EU action plan for the circular economy (COM/2015/0614 final of 2.12.2015).

<sup>(7)</sup> COM(2016) 773 final of 30.11.2016

<sup>(8)</sup> Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) (OJ L 197, 24.7.2012, p. 38).

<sup>(9)</sup> Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on machinery, and amending Directive 95/16/EC (OJ L 157, 9.6.2006, p. 24).

<sup>(10)</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008 of 17 December 2008 implementing Directive 2005/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for standby and off mode electric power consumption of electrical and electronic household and office equipment (OJ L 339, 18.12.2008, p. 45)

<sup>(11)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 12).

- (16) Where parameters of the technical documentation, as defined by this Regulation, are identical to parameters of the product information sheet defined by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2014<sup>(12)</sup>, manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives should enter the corresponding data into the product database defined by Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(13)</sup> and should no longer need to provide them to market surveillance authorities as part of the technical documentation.
- (17) To ensure the effectiveness and credibility of the Regulation and to protect consumers, products that automatically alter their performance in test conditions to improve the declared parameters should not be allowed to be placed on the market.
- (18) In addition to the requirements laid down in this Regulation, indicative benchmarks for best available technologies should be identified to make information on the life-cycle environmental performance of products subject to this Regulation widely available and easily accessible, in accordance with point (2), part 3 of Annex I to Directive 2009/125/EC.
- (19) This Regulation should be reviewed in order to assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of its provisions in achieving its goals. The timing of the review should be sufficient for all provisions to be implemented and show an effect on the market.
- (20) Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010 should be repealed.
- (21) In order to facilitate the transition between Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010 and this Regulation, the new name 'eco 40-60' should be allowed to be used as from the entry into force of this Regulation.
- (22) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 19 of Directive 2009/125/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### *Article 1*

##### **Subject matter and scope**

1. This Regulation establishes ecodesign requirements for the placing on the market or the putting into service of electric mains-operated household washing machines and household washer-dryers, including built-in household washing machines and household washer-dryers and electric mains-operated household washing machines and household washer-dryers that can also be powered by batteries.
2. This Regulation shall not apply to:
  - (a) washing machines and washer-dryers belonging to the scope of Directive 2006/42/EC;
  - (b) battery-operated household washing machines and household washer-dryers that can be connected to the mains through an AC/DC converter purchased separately.
3. The requirements in points 1 to 6, 9(1)(a) and (c), and 9(2)(i) and (vii) of Annex II shall not apply to:
  - (a) household washing machines with a rated capacity lower than 2 kg;
  - (b) household washer-dryers with a rated washing capacity lower than 2 kg.

#### *Article 2*

##### **Definitions**

For the purpose of this Regulation the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) 'mains' or 'electric mains' means the electricity supply from the grid of 230 ( $\pm$  10 %) volts of alternating current at 50 Hz;

<sup>(12)</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2014 of 11 March 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of household washing machines and household washer-dryers and repealing Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1061/2010 and Commission Directive 96/60/EC (see page 29 of this Official Journal)

<sup>(13)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2017 setting a framework for energy labelling and repealing Directive 2010/30/EU (OJ L 198, 28.7.2017, p. 1).

- (2) 'automatic washing machine' means a washing machine where the load is fully treated by the washing machine without the need for user intervention at any point during the programme;
- (3) 'household washing machine' means an automatic washing machine which cleans and rinses household laundry by using water, chemical, mechanical and thermal means, which also has a spin extraction function, and which is declared by the manufacturer in the Declaration of Conformity as complying with Directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(14)</sup> or with Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(15)</sup>;
- (4) 'household washer-dryer' means a household washing machine which, in addition to the functions of an automatic washing machine, in the same drum includes a means for drying the textiles by heating and tumbling, and which is declared by the manufacturer in the Declaration of Conformity as complying with Directive 2014/35/EU or with Directive 2014/53/EU;
- (5) 'built-in household washing machine' means a household washing machine that is designed, tested and marketed exclusively:
  - (a) to be installed in cabinetry or encased (top and/or bottom, and sides) by panels;
  - (b) to be securely fastened to the sides, top or floor of the cabinetry or panels; and
  - (c) to be equipped with an integral factory-finished face or to be fitted with a custom front panel;
- (6) 'built-in household washer-dryer' means a household washer-dryer that is designed, tested and marketed exclusively:
  - (a) to be installed in cabinetry or encased (top and/or bottom, and sides) by panels;
  - (b) to be securely fastened to the sides, top or floor of the cabinetry or panels; and
  - (c) to be equipped with an integral factory-finished face or to be fitted with a custom front panel;
- (7) 'multi-drum household washing machine' means a household washing machine equipped with more than one drum, whether in separate units or in the same casing;
- (8) 'multi-drum household washer-dryer' means a household washer-dryer equipped with more than one drum, whether in separate units or in the same casing;
- (9) 'equivalent model' means a model which has the same technical characteristics relevant for the technical information to be provided, but which is placed on the market or put into service by the same manufacturer, importer or authorised representative as another model with a different model identifier;
- (10) 'model identifier' means the code, usually alphanumeric, which distinguishes a specific product model from other models with the same trade mark or the same manufacturer's, importer's or authorised representative's name;
- (11) 'product database' means a collection of data concerning products, which is arranged in a systematic manner and consists of a consumer-oriented public part, where information concerning individual product parameters is accessible by electronic means, an online portal for accessibility and a compliance part, with clearly specified accessibility and security requirements, as laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/1369;
- (12) 'eco 40-60' means the name of the programme declared by the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative as able to clean normally soiled cotton laundry declared to be washable at 40 °C or 60 °C, together in the same washing cycle, and to which the ecodesign requirements on energy efficiency, washing efficiency, rinsing effectiveness, programme duration and water consumption relate;

<sup>(14)</sup> Directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits (OJ L 96, 29.3.2014, p. 357).

<sup>(15)</sup> Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC (OJ L 153, 22.5.2014, p. 62).

- (13) 'programme' means a series of operations that are pre-defined and which are declared by the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative as suitable for washing, drying or continuously washing and drying certain types of textile;
- (14) 'washing cycle' means a complete washing process as defined by a selected programme, consisting of a series of different operations including washing, rinsing, and spinning.

For the purpose of the annexes, additional definitions are set out in Annex I.

#### *Article 3*

### **Ecodesign requirements**

The ecodesign requirements set out in Annex II and Annex VI shall apply from the dates indicated therein.

#### *Article 4*

### **Conformity assessment**

1. The conformity assessment procedure referred to in Article 8 of Directive 2009/125/EC shall be the internal design control system set out in Annex IV to that Directive or the management system set out in Annex V to that Directive.
2. For the purposes of the conformity assessment pursuant to Article 8 of Directive 2009/125/EC, the technical documentation shall contain the declared values of parameters listed in points 3 to 7 of Annex II and the details and results of the calculations undertaken in accordance with Annex III.
3. Where the information included in the technical documentation for a particular model has been obtained:
  - (a) from a model that has the same technical characteristics relevant for the technical information to be provided but is produced by a different manufacturer, or
  - (b) by calculation on the basis of design or extrapolation from another model of the same or a different manufacturer, or both,

the technical documentation shall include the details of such calculation, the assessment undertaken by the manufacturer to verify the accuracy of the calculation and, where appropriate, the declaration of identity between the models of different manufacturers.

The technical documentation shall include a list of all equivalent models, including the model identifiers.

4. The technical documentation shall include the information in the order and as set out in Annex VI of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2014. For market surveillance purposes, manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives may, without prejudice to point 2(g) of Annex IV to Directive 2009/125/EC, refer to the technical documentation uploaded to the product database which contains the same information laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2014.

#### *Article 5*

### **Verification procedure for market surveillance purposes**

Member States' authorities shall apply the verification procedure set out in Annex IV when performing the market surveillance checks referred to in point 2 of Article 3 of Directive 2009/125/EC.

#### *Article 6*

### **Circumvention**

The manufacturer, importer or authorised representative shall not place on the market products designed to be able to detect they are being tested (e.g. by recognising the test conditions or test cycle), and to react specifically by automatically altering their performance during the test with the aim of reaching a more favourable level for any of the parameters declared by the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative in the technical documentation or included in any documentation provided.

The consumption of energy and water of the product and any of the other declared parameters shall not deteriorate after a software or firmware update when measured with the same test standard originally used for the declaration of conformity, except with explicit consent of the end-user prior to the update. No performance change shall occur as a result of rejecting the update.

*Article 7***Indicative benchmarks**

The indicative benchmarks for the best-performing products and technologies available on the market at the time of adopting this Regulation are set out in Annex V.

*Article 8***Review**

The Commission shall review this Regulation in the light of technological progress and shall present the results of this review, including, if appropriate, a draft revision proposal, to the Consultation Forum by 25 December 2025.

The review shall in particular focus on the following:

- (a) the improvement potential with regard to energy and environmental performance of household washing machines and household washer-dryers;
- (b) the evolution of consumer behaviour and the feasibility of a mandatory feedback mechanism on the loading of the appliance and the energy consumption of the selected programme;
- (c) the effectiveness of existing requirements on resource efficiency;
- (d) the appropriateness of setting additional resource efficiency requirements for products in accordance with the objectives of the circular economy, including whether more spare parts should be included;
- (e) the feasibility and appropriateness of new requirements on the automatic dosage of detergents and other additives;
- (f) the feasibility and appropriateness of new requirements for reducing microplastics in the water outlet, such as filters.

*Article 9***Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008**

In point 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008:

- the entry 'Washing machines' is deleted;
- the entry 'Other appliances for cooking and other processing of food, cleaning, and maintenance of clothes' is replaced by 'Other appliances for cooking and other processing of food, cleaning and maintenance of clothes with the exception of household washing machines and household washer-dryers'.

*Article 10***Repeal**

Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010 is repealed as of 1 March 2021.

*Article 11***Transitional measures**

As from 25 December 2019 until 28 February 2021, by way of derogation to the requirement in point 1 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010, the indications of 'Standard 60 °C cotton programme' and 'Standard 40 °C cotton programme' shall not need to be displayed on the programme selection device of household washing machines or on the household washing machines display, if the following conditions are complied with:

- the 'Standard 60 °C cotton programme' and 'Standard 40 °C cotton programme' are clearly identifiable in the booklet of instructions and in the technical documentation with the meaning of point (2) of Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010; and
- the 'eco 40-60' programme is clearly displayed on the programme selection device of household washing machines or on the household washing machines display, in accordance with point 1(3) of Annex II to this Regulation.

*Article 12***Entry into force and application**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 March 2021. However, Article 6, first paragraph, and Article 11 shall apply from 25 December 2019.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 October 2019.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

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## ANNEX I

**Definitions applicable for the annexes**

The following definitions shall apply:

- (1) 'Energy Efficiency Index' (EEI) means the ratio of the weighted energy consumption to the standard cycle energy consumption;
- (2) 'drying cycle' means a complete drying process as defined by the required programme, consisting of a series of different operations including heating and tumbling;
- (3) 'complete cycle' means a washing and drying process, consisting of a washing cycle and a drying cycle;
- (4) 'continuous cycle' means a complete cycle without interruption of the process and with no need for user intervention at any point during the programme;
- (5) 'rated capacity' means the maximum mass in kilogram stated by the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative at 0,5 kg intervals of dry textiles of a particular type, which can be treated in one washing cycle of a household washing machine, or in one complete cycle of a household washer-dryer respectively, on the selected programme, when loaded in accordance with the manufacturer's, importer's or authorised representative's instructions;
- (6) 'rated washing capacity' means the maximum mass in kilogram stated by the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative at 0,5 kg intervals of dry textiles of a particular type, which can be treated in one washing cycle of a household washing machine, or in one washing cycle of a household washer-dryer respectively, on the selected programme, when loaded in accordance with the manufacturer's, importer's or authorised representative's instructions;
- (7) 'rated drying capacity' means the maximum mass in kilogram stated by the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative at 0,5 kg intervals of dry textiles of a particular type, which can be treated in one drying cycle of a household washer-dryer on the selected programme, when loaded in accordance with the manufacturer's, importer's or authorised representative's instructions;
- (8) 'weighted energy consumption ( $E_w$ )' means the weighted average of the energy consumption of the washing cycle of a household washing machine or a household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme at rated washing capacity, and at half and at a quarter of the rated washing capacity, expressed in kilowatt hour per cycle;
- (9) 'weighted energy consumption ( $E_{WD}$ )' means the weighted average of the energy consumption of the household washer-dryer for the wash and dry cycle at rated capacity and at half of the rated capacity, expressed in kilowatt hour per cycle;
- (10) 'wash and dry' means the name of the complete cycle of a household washer-dryer, which consists of the eco 40-60 programme for the washing cycle, and of a drying cycle achieving cupboard dry status;
- (11) 'standard cycle energy consumption' (SCE) means the energy consumption taken as a reference as a function of the rated capacity of a household washing machine or of a household washer-dryer, expressed in kilowatt hour per cycle;
- (12) 'weighted water consumption ( $W_w$ )' means the weighted average of the water consumption of the washing cycle of a household washing machine or of a household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme at rated washing capacity, and at half and at a quarter of the rated washing capacity, expressed in litres per cycle;
- (13) 'weighted water consumption ( $W_{WD}$ )' means the weighted average of the water consumption of a household washer-dryer for the wash and dry cycle at rated capacity and at half of the rated capacity, expressed in litres per cycle;
- (14) 'washing efficiency index' means the ratio of the washing efficiency of the washing cycle of a household washing machine or of a household washer-dryer ( $I_w$ ), or of the complete cycle of a household washer-dryer ( $J_w$ ), to the washing efficiency of a reference household washing machine;

- (15) 'rinsing effectiveness' means the concentration of the residual content of linear alkylbenzene sulfonate (LAS) in the treated textiles after the washing cycle of a household washing machine or of a household washer-dryer ( $I_R$ ), or after the complete cycle of a household washer-dryer ( $J_R$ ), expressed in gram per kilogram of dry textile;
- (16) 'remaining moisture content' means for household washing machines and for the washing cycle of household washer-dryers, the amount of moisture contained in the load at the end of the washing cycle;
- (17) 'final moisture content' means for household washer-dryers the amount of moisture contained in the load at the end of the drying cycle;
- (18) 'cupboard dry' means the status of treated textiles dried in a drying cycle to a final moisture content of 0 %;
- (19) 'programme duration' ( $t_W$ ) means the length of time beginning with the initiation of the programme selected, excluding any user programmed delay, until the end of the programme is indicated and the user has access to the load;
- (20) 'cycle duration' ( $t_{WD}$ ) means, for the complete cycle of a household washer-dryer, the length of time beginning with the initiation of the programme selected for the washing cycle, excluding any user programmed delay, until the end of the drying cycle is indicated and the user has access to the load;
- (21) 'off mode' ( $P_o$ ) means a condition in which the household washing machine or the household washer-dryer is connected to the mains and is not providing any function; the following shall also be considered as off mode:
- (a) conditions providing only an indication of off mode;
  - (b) conditions providing only functionalities intended to ensure electromagnetic compatibility pursuant to Directive 2014/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(1)</sup>;
- (22) 'standby mode' ( $P_{sm}$ ) means a condition where the household washing machine or the household washer-dryer is connected to the mains, and provides only the following functions, which may persist for an indefinite time:
- (a) reactivation function, or reactivation function and a mere indication of enabled reactivation function; and/or
  - (b) reactivation function through a connection to a network; and/or
  - (c) information or status display; and/or
  - (d) detection function for emergency measures;
- (23) 'network' means a communication infrastructure with a topology of links, an architecture, including the physical components, organisational principles, communication procedures and formats (protocols);
- (24) 'wrinkle guard function' means an operation of the household washing machine or of the household washer-dryer after completion of a programme to prevent excessive wrinkle building in the laundry;
- (25) 'delay start' ( $P_{ds}$ ) means a condition where the user has selected a specified delay to the beginning or end of the cycle of the selected programme;
- (26) 'spare part' means a separate part that can replace a part with the same or similar function in a product;

<sup>(1)</sup> Directive 2014/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility (OJ L 96, 29.3.2014, p. 79).

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- (27) 'professional repairer' means an operator or undertaking which provides services of repair and professional maintenance of household washing machines or of household washer-dryers;
- (28) 'guarantee' means any undertaking by the retailer or a manufacturer to the consumer to:
- (a) reimburse the price paid;
  - (b) replace, repair or handle the household washing machine and the household washer-dryer in any way if they do not meet the specifications set out in the guarantee statement or in the relevant advertising.
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## ANNEX II

**Ecodesign requirements**

## 1. PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

From 1 March 2021, household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall meet the following requirements:

(1) household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall provide:

- (a) a washing cycle called 'eco 40-60', which is able to clean normally soiled cotton laundry declared to be washable at 40 °C or 60 °C, together in the same cycle;
- (b) a washing cycle called '20 °C', which is able to clean lightly soiled cotton laundry, at a nominal temperature of 20 °C;

these cycles shall be clearly identifiable on the programme selection, on the display and through the network connection, depending on the functionalities provided by the household washing machine or household washer-dryer;

- (2) for the requirements set out in points 3(1), 3(3), 4(1), 4(2), 4(5), 5 and 6(1), the 'eco 40-60' programme shall be used;
- (3) the eco 40-60 programme shall be named 'eco 40-60' on the programme selection, on the display and through the network connection, depending on the functionalities provided by the household washing machine or the household washer-dryer;

the name 'eco 40-60' shall be used exclusively for this programme. The formatting of 'eco 40-60' is not restricted in terms of font, font size, case sensitivity or colour. No other programme may have in its name the term 'eco';

the eco 40-60 programme shall be set as the default programme for automatic programme selection or any function maintaining the selection of a programme, or, if there is no automatic programme selection, shall be available for direct selection without the need for any other selection such as a specific temperature or load;

the indications 'normal', 'daily', 'regular' and 'standard', and their translations in all EU official languages, shall not be used in programme names for household washing machines or household washer-dryers, either alone or in combination with other information.

## 2. WASH AND DRY CYCLE

From 1 March 2021, household washer-dryers shall meet the following requirements:

(1) household washer-dryers shall provide a complete cycle for cotton laundry, named 'wash and dry':

- which is continuous if the household washer-dryer provides a continuous cycle;
- where the washing cycle is an eco 40-60 programme as defined in point 1; and
- where the drying cycle achieves cupboard dry status;

- (2) the wash and dry cycle shall be clearly identifiable in the user instructions referred to in point 9 of this Annex;
- (3) if the household washer-dryer provides a continuous cycle, the rated capacity of the wash and dry cycle shall be the rated capacity for this cycle;
- (4) if the household washer-dryer does not provide a continuous cycle, the rated capacity of the wash and dry cycle shall be the lower value of the rated washing capacity of the eco 40-60 programme and the rated drying capacity of the drying cycle achieving cupboard dry status;
- (5) for the requirements set out in points 3(2), 3(4), 4(3), 4(4), 4(6) and 6(2), the wash and dry cycle shall be used.

### 3. ENERGY EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

From 1 March 2021, household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) the Energy Efficiency Index ( $EEl_w$ ) for household washing machines and the washing cycle of household washer-dryers shall be lower than 105;
- (2) the Energy Efficiency Index ( $EEl_{wD}$ ) for the wash and dry cycle of household washer-dryers shall be lower than 105.

From 1 March 2024, household washing machines with a rated capacity higher than 3 kg and household washer-dryers with a rated washing capacity higher than 3 kg shall meet the following requirements:

- (3) the  $EEl_w$  for household washing machines and the washing cycle of household washer-dryers shall be lower than 91.
- (4) the  $EEl_{wD}$  for the wash and dry cycle of household washer-dryers shall be lower than 88.

The  $EEl_w$  and  $EEl_{wD}$  shall be calculated in accordance with Annex III.

### 4. FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

From 1 March 2021, household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) for household washing machines with a rated capacity higher than 3 kg and for the washing cycle of household washer-dryers with a rated capacity higher than 3 kg, the Washing Efficiency Index ( $I_w$ ) of the eco 40-60 programme shall be greater than 1,03 for each of the following loading sizes: rated washing capacity, half of the rated washing capacity and a quarter of the rated washing capacity;
- (2) for household washing machines with a rated capacity lower than or equal to 3 kg and for the washing cycle of household washer-dryers with a rated capacity lower than or equal to 3 kg, the Washing Efficiency Index ( $I_w$ ) of the eco 40-60 programme shall be greater than 1,00 at rated washing capacity;
- (3) for household washer-dryers with a rated capacity higher than 3 kg, the Washing Efficiency Index ( $J_w$ ) of the wash and dry cycle shall be greater than 1,03 at rated capacity and at half of the rated capacity;
- (4) for household washer-dryers with a rated capacity lower than or equal to 3 kg, the Washing Efficiency Index ( $J_w$ ) of the wash and dry cycle shall be greater than 1,00 at rated capacity;
- (5) for household washing machines with a rated capacity higher than 3 kg and for the washing cycle of household washer-dryers with a rated capacity higher than 3 kg, the Rinsing Effectiveness ( $I_R$ ) of the eco 40-60 programme shall be smaller than or equal to 5,0 g/kg for each of the following loading sizes: rated washing capacity, half of the rated washing capacity and a quarter of the rated washing capacity;
- (6) for household washer-dryers with a rated capacity higher than 3 kg, the Rinsing Effectiveness ( $J_R$ ) of the wash and dry cycle shall be smaller than or equal to 5,0 g/kg at rated capacity and at half of the rated capacity.

The  $I_w$ ,  $J_w$ ,  $I_R$  and  $J_R$  shall be calculated in accordance with Annex III.

### 5. REQUIREMENTS ON DURATION

From 1 March 2021, household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall meet the following requirements:

the duration of the eco 40-60 programme ( $t_w$ ), expressed in hours and minutes and rounded to the nearest minute, shall be lower than or equal to the time limit  $t_{cap}$ , which depends on the rated capacity as follows:

- (1) for the rated washing capacity, the time limit is given by the following equation:

$$t_{cap}(\text{in min}) = 137 + c \times 10,2$$

with a maximum of 240 minutes;

- (2) for half of the rated washing capacity and a quarter of the rated washing capacity, the time limit is given by the following equation:

$$t_{cap}(\text{in min}) = 120 + c \times 6$$

with a maximum of 180 minutes;

where  $c$  is the rated capacity of the household washing machine or the rated washing capacity of the household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme.

## 6. WEIGHTED WATER CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENT

From 1 March 2021, household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) for household washing machines and the washing cycle of household washer-dryers, the weighted water consumption ( $W_w$ , in litres/cycle) for the eco 40-60 programme shall be:

$$W_w \leq 2,25 \times c + 30$$

where  $c$  is the rated capacity of the household washing machine or the rated washing capacity of the household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme;

- (2) for household washer-dryers, the weighted water consumption ( $W_{WD}$ , in litres/cycle) for the wash and dry cycle shall be:

$$W_{WD} \leq 10 \times d + 30$$

where  $d$  is the rated capacity of the household washer-dryer for the wash and dry cycle.

The  $W_w$  and  $W_{WD}$  shall be calculated in accordance with Annex III.

## 7. LOW POWER MODES

From 1 March 2021, household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall have an off-mode or a stand-by mode or both. The power consumption of these modes shall not exceed 0,50 W;
- (2) if the stand-by mode includes the display of information or status, the power consumption of this mode shall not exceed 1,00 W;
- (3) if the stand-by mode provides for a connection to a network and provides networked standby as defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 801/2013<sup>(1)</sup>, the power consumption of this mode shall not exceed 2,00 W;

<sup>(1)</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 801/2013 of 22 August 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 1275/2008 with regard to ecodesign requirements for standby, off mode electric power consumption of electrical and electronic household and office equipment, and amending Regulation (EC) No 642/2009 with regard to ecodesign requirements for televisions (OJ L 225, 23.8.2013).

- (4) at the latest 15 minutes after the household washing machine and household washer-dryer have been switched on or after the end of any programme and associated activities or after interruption of the wrinkle guard function or after any other interaction with the household washing machine and household washer-dryer, if no other mode, including emergency measures, is triggered, the household washing machine and household washer-dryer shall switch automatically to off-mode or standby mode;
- (5) if the household washing machine and household washer-dryer provide for a delay start, the power consumption of this condition, including any standby mode, shall not exceed 4,00 W. The delay start shall not be programmable by the user for more than 24 h;
- (6) any household washing machine and any household washer-dryer that can be connected to a network shall provide the possibility to activate and deactivate the network connection(s). The network connection(s) shall be deactivated by default.

## 8. RESOURCE EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

From 1 March 2021, household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) availability of spare parts:
  - (a) manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives of household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall make available to professional repairers at least the following spare parts, for a minimum period of 10 years after placing the last unit of the model on the market:
    - motor and motor brushes;
    - transmission between motor and drum;
    - pumps;
    - shock absorbers and springs;
    - washing drum, drum spider and related ball bearings (separately or bundled);
    - heaters and heating elements, including heat pumps (separately or bundled);
    - piping and related equipment including all hoses, valves, filters and aquastops (separately or bundled);
    - printed circuit boards;
    - electronic displays;
    - pressure switches;
    - thermostats and sensors;
    - software and firmware including reset software;
  - (b) manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives of household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall make available to professional repairers and end-users at least the following spare parts: door, door hinge and seals, other seals, door locking assembly and plastic peripherals such as detergent dispensers, for a minimum period of 10 years after placing the last unit of the model on the market;
  - (c) manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives of household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall ensure that the spare parts mentioned in points (a) and (b) can be replaced with the use of commonly available tools and without permanent damage to the household washing machine or household washer-dryer;

- (d) the list of spare parts concerned by point (a) and the procedure for ordering them shall be publicly available on the free access website of the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative, at the latest two years after the placing on the market of the first unit of a model and until the end of the period of availability of these spare parts;
- (e) the list of spare parts concerned by point (b) and the procedure for ordering them and the repair instructions shall be publicly available on the free access website of the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative, when placing the first unit of a model on the market and until the end of the period of availability of these spare parts;

(2) maximum delivery time of spare parts:

during the period mentioned under (1), the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative shall ensure the delivery of the spare parts within 15 working days after having received the order;

in the case of spare parts concerned by point (1)(a), the availability of spare parts may be limited to professional repairers registered in accordance with point (3)(a) and (b);

(3) access to Repair and Maintenance Information:

after a period of two years after the placing on the market of the first unit of a model and until the end of the period mentioned under (1), the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative shall provide access to the household washing machine or household washer-dryer repair and maintenance information to professional repairers in the following conditions:

- (a) the manufacturer's, importer's or authorised representative's website shall indicate the process for professional repairers to register for access to information; to accept such a request, the manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives may require the professional repairer to demonstrate that:
  - (i) the professional repairer has the technical competence to repair household washing machines and household washer-dryers and complies with the applicable regulations for repairers of electrical equipment in the Member States where it operates. Reference to an official registration system as professional repairer, where such system exists in the Member States concerned, shall be accepted as proof of compliance with this point;
  - (ii) the professional repairer is covered by insurance covering liabilities resulting from its activity regardless of whether this is required by the Member State;
- (b) manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives shall accept or refuse the registration within 5 working days from the date of request;
- (c) manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives may charge reasonable and proportionate fees for access to the repair and maintenance information or for receiving regular updates. A fee is reasonable if it does not discourage access by failing to take into account the extent to which the professional repairer uses the information;
- (d) once registered, a professional repairer shall have access, within one working day after requesting it, to the requested repair and maintenance information. The information may be provided for an equivalent model or model of the same family, if relevant;
- (e) the household washing machine or household washer-dryer repair and maintenance information referred to in (a) shall include:
  - the unequivocal household washing machine or household washer-dryer identification;
  - a disassembly map or exploded view;
  - technical manual of instructions for repair;
  - list of necessary repair and test equipment;
  - component and diagnosis information (such as minimum and maximum theoretical values for measurements);
  - wiring and connection diagrams;

- diagnostic fault and error codes (including manufacturer-specific codes, where applicable);
- instructions for installation of relevant software and firmware including reset software; and
- information on how to access data records of reported failure incidents stored on the household washing machine or washer-dryer (where applicable);

(4) information requirements for refrigerant gases:

without prejudice to Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup>, for household washing machines and household washer-dryers equipped with a heat pump, the chemical name of the refrigerant gas used, or equivalent reference such as a commonly used and understood symbol, label or logo, shall be displayed permanently and in a visible and readable way on the exterior of the household washing machines or household washer-dryers, for example on the back panel. More than one reference can be used for the same chemical name;

(5) requirements for dismantling for material recovery and recycling while avoiding pollution:

- manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives shall ensure that household washing machines and household washer-dryers are designed in such a way that the materials and components referred to in Annex VII to Directive 2012/19/EU can be removed with the use of commonly available tools;
- manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives shall fulfil the obligations laid down in point 1 of Article 15 of Directive 2012/19/EU.

## 9. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

From 1 March 2021, household washing machines and household washer-dryers shall meet the following requirements:

user and installer instructions shall be provided in the form of a user manual on a free access website of the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative, and shall include:

(1) the following general information:

- (a) information that the eco 40-60 programme is able to clean normally soiled cotton laundry declared to be washable at 40 °C or 60 °C, together in the same cycle, and that this programme is used to assess the compliance with the EU ecodesign legislation;
- (b) information that the most efficient programmes in terms of energy consumption are generally those that perform at lower temperatures and longer duration;
- (c) for household washer-dryers: information that the wash and dry cycle is able to clean normally soiled cotton laundry declared to be washable at 40 °C or 60 °C, together in the same cycle, and to dry it in such a way that it can be immediately stored in a cupboard, and that this programme is used to assess the compliance with the EU ecodesign legislation;
- (d) information that loading the household washing machine or the household washer-dryer up to the capacity indicated by the manufacturer for the respective programmes will contribute to energy and water savings;
- (e) recommendations on the type of detergents suitable for the various washing temperatures and washing programmes;
- (f) information that noise and remaining moisture content are influenced by the spinning speed: the higher the spinning speed in the spinning phase, the higher the noise and the lower the remaining moisture content;
- (g) information on how to activate and deactivate the network connection (if applicable) and impact on energy consumption;

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on fluorinated greenhouse gases and repealing Regulation (EC) No 842/2006 (OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 195).

(h) instruction on how to find the model information stored in the product database, as defined in Regulation (EU) 2019/2014 by means of a weblink that links to the model information as stored in the product database or a link to the product database and information on how to find the model identifier on the product;

(2) values for the following parameters:

- (a) rated capacity in kg;
- (b) programme duration, expressed in hours and minutes;
- (c) energy consumption, expressed in kWh/cycle;
- (d) water consumption, expressed in litres/cycle;
- (e) maximum temperature reached for minimum 5 minutes inside the laundry being treated in the washing cycle, expressed in degrees centigrade; and
- (f) remaining moisture content after the washing cycle, expressed in percentage of water content, and spinning speed at which this was achieved;

for each of the following programmes (at least):

- (i) the eco 40-60 programme at the rated capacity, half of the rated capacity and a quarter of the rated capacity;
  - (ii) the 20 °C programme at the rated capacity for this programme;
  - (iii) one cotton programme at nominal temperature higher than or equal to 60 °C (if present) at the rated capacity for this programme;
  - (iv) one programme for other textiles than cotton or a mix of textiles (if present) at the rated capacity for this programme;
  - (v) one programme for the quick washing of lightly soiled laundry (if present) at the rated capacity for this programme;
  - (vi) one programme for heavily soiled textiles (if present) at the rated capacity for this programme;
  - (vii) for household washer-dryers: the wash and dry cycle at the rated capacity and at half of the rated capacity; and
- the information that the values given for programmes other than the eco 40-60 programme and the wash and dry cycle are indicative only;

(3) the user instructions shall also include instructions for the user to perform maintenance operations. Such instructions shall as a minimum include instructions for:

- (a) correct installation (including level positioning, connection to mains, connection to water inlets, cold and/or hot if appropriate);
- (b) correct use of detergent, softeners and other additives, and main consequences of incorrect dosage;
- (c) foreign object removal from the household washing machine or household washer-dryer;
- (d) periodic cleaning, including optimal frequency, and limescale prevention and procedure;
- (e) door opening between cycles, if appropriate;
- (f) periodic checks of filters, including optimal frequency, and procedure;
- (g) identification of errors, the meaning of the errors, and the action required, including identification of errors requiring professional assistance;

(h) how to access professional repair (internet webpages, addresses, contact details);

such instructions shall also include information on:

- (i) any implications of self-repair or non-professional repair for the safety of the end-user and for the guarantee;
  - (j) the minimum period during which the spare parts for the household washing machine or the household washer-dryer are available.
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## ANNEX III

**Measurement methods and calculations**

For the purposes of compliance and verification of compliance with the requirements of this Regulation, measurements and calculations shall be made using harmonised standards the reference numbers of which have been published for this purpose in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, or other reliable, accurate and reproducible methods, which take into account the generally recognised state-of-the-art, and in line with the following provisions.

When measuring the parameters defined in Annex II and in this annex for the eco 40-60 programme and for the wash and dry cycle, the highest spin speed option for the eco 40-60 programme shall be used at rated capacity, at half of the rated capacity and at a quarter of the rated capacity.

For household washing machines with a rated capacity lower than or equal to 3 kg and for household washer-dryers with a rated washing capacity lower than or equal to 3 kg, the parameters for the eco 40-60 programme and for the wash and dry cycle shall be measured at rated capacity only.

The duration of the eco 40-60 programme ( $t_w$ ) and the duration of the wash and dry cycle ( $t_{WD}$ ) shall be expressed in hours and minutes and rounded to the nearest minute.

## 1. ENERGY EFFICIENCY INDEX

1.1. Energy Efficiency Index ( $E_{EI_w}$ ) of household washing machines and the washing cycle of household washer-dryers

For the calculation of the  $E_{EI_w}$ , the weighted energy consumption of the eco 40-60 programme at the rated washing capacity, half of the rated washing capacity and a quarter of the rated washing capacity is compared to its standard cycle energy consumption.

(a) The  $E_{EI_w}$  is calculated as follows, and is rounded to one decimal place:

$$E_{EI_w} = (E_w/SCE_w) \times 100$$

where:

$E_w$  is the weighted energy consumption of the household washing machine or of the washing cycle of the household washer-dryer;

$SCE_w$  is the standard cycle energy consumption of the household washing machine or the washing cycle of the household washer-dryer.

(b) The  $SCE_w$  is calculated in kWh per cycle as follows, and is rounded to three decimal places:

$$SCE_w = -0,0025 \times c^2 + 0,0846 \times c + 0,3920$$

where  $c$  is the rated capacity of the household washing machine or the rated washing capacity of the household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme.

(c) The  $E_w$  is calculated in kWh per cycle as follows, and is rounded to three decimal places:

$$E_w = A \times E_{w,full} + B \times E_{w,\frac{1}{2}} + C \times E_{w,\frac{1}{4}}$$

where:

$E_{w,full}$  is the energy consumption of the household washing machine or of the washing cycle of the household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme at the rated washing capacity and rounded to three decimal places;

$E_{w,\frac{1}{2}}$  is the energy consumption of the household washing machine or of the washing cycle of the household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme at half of the rated washing capacity and rounded to three decimal places;

$E_{w,\frac{1}{4}}$  is the energy consumption of the household washing machine or of the washing cycle of the household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme at a quarter of the rated washing capacity and rounded to three decimal places;

A is the weighting factor for the rated washing capacity and rounded to three decimal places;

B is the weighting factor for half of the rated washing capacity and rounded to three decimal places;

C is the weighting factor for a quarter of the rated washing capacity and rounded to three decimal places;

for household washing machines with a rated capacity lower than or equal to 3 kg and for household washer-dryers with a rated washing capacity lower than or equal to 3 kg, A shall be equal to 1; B and C shall be equal to 0;

for other household washing machines and household washer-dryers, the values of the weighting factors depend on the rated capacity according to the following equations:

$$A = -0,0391 \times c + 0,6918$$

$$B = -0,0109 \times c + 0,3582$$

$$C = 1 - (A + B)$$

where c is the rated capacity of the household washing machine or the rated washing capacity of the household washer dryer.

## 1.2. Energy Efficiency Index (EEI<sub>WD</sub>) of the complete cycle of household washer-dryers

For the calculation of the EEI<sub>WD</sub> of a household washer-dryer model, the weighted energy consumption of the wash and dry cycle at the rated capacity and half of the rated capacity is compared to its standard cycle energy consumption.

(a) The EEI<sub>WD</sub> is calculated as follows, and is rounded to one decimal place:

$$EEI_{WD} = (E_{WD}/SCE_{WD}) \times 100$$

where:

$E_{WD}$  is the weighted energy consumption of the complete cycle of the household washer-dryer;

$SCE_{WD}$  is the standard cycle energy consumption of the complete cycle of the household washer-dryer.

(b) The  $SCE_{WD}$  is calculated in kWh per cycle as follows, and is rounded to three decimal places:

$$SCE_{WD} = -0,0502 \times d^2 + 1,1742 \times d - 0,644$$

where d is the rated capacity of the household washer-dryer for the wash and dry cycle.

(c) For household washer-dryers with a rated washing capacity lower than or equal to 3 kg, the weighted energy consumption is the energy consumption at rated capacity and rounded to three decimal places.

(d) For other household washer-dryers, the weighted energy consumption ( $E_{WD}$ ) is calculated in kWh per cycle as follows, and is rounded to three decimal places:

$$E_{WD} = \frac{3 \times E_{WD,full} + 2 \times E_{WD,\frac{1}{2}}}{5}$$

where:

$E_{WD,full}$  is the energy consumption of the household washer-dryer for the wash and dry cycle at rated capacity and rounded to three decimal places;

$E_{WD,\frac{1}{2}}$  is the energy consumption of the household washer-dryer for the wash and dry cycle at half of the rated capacity and rounded to three decimal places.

## 2. WASHING EFFICIENCY INDEX

The washing efficiency index of household washing machines and of the washing cycle of household washer-dryers ( $I_w$ ) and the washing efficiency index of the complete cycle of household washer-dryers ( $J_w$ ) shall be calculated using harmonised standards the reference numbers of which have been published for this purpose in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, or other reliable, accurate and reproducible methods, which take into account the generally recognised state-of-the-art, and rounded to two decimal places.

## 3. RINSING EFFECTIVENESS

The rinsing effectiveness of household washing machines and of the washing cycle of household washer-dryers ( $I_R$ ) and the rinsing effectiveness of the complete cycle of household washer-dryers ( $J_R$ ) shall be calculated using harmonised standards the reference numbers of which have been published for this purpose in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, or other reliable, accurate and reproducible method based on the detection of the linear alkylbenzene sulfonate (LAS) marker, and rounded to one decimal place.

## 4. MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE

The maximum temperature reached for 5 minutes inside the laundry being treated in the household washing machines and in the washing cycle of household washer-dryers shall be determined using harmonised standards the reference numbers of which have been published for this purpose in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, or other reliable, accurate and reproducible method and rounded to the nearest integer.

## 5. WEIGHTED WATER CONSUMPTION

- (1) The weighted water consumption ( $W_w$ ) of a household washing machine or of the washing cycle of a household washer-dryer is calculated in litres as follows, and is rounded to the nearest integer:

$$W_t = (A \times W_{w,\text{full}} + B \times W_{w,1/2} + C \times W_{w,1/4})$$

where:

$W_{w,\text{full}}$  is the water consumption of the household washing machine or of the washing cycle of a household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme at rated washing capacity, in litres and rounded to one decimal place;

$W_{w,1/2}$  is the water consumption of the household washing machine or of the washing cycle of a household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme at half of the rated washing capacity, in litres and rounded to one decimal place;

$W_{w,1/4}$  is the water consumption of the household washing machine or of the washing cycle of a household washer-dryer for the eco 40-60 programme at a quarter of the rated washing capacity, in litres and rounded to one decimal place;

A, B and C are the weighting factors as described in point 1.1(c).

- (2) For household washer-dryers with a rated washing capacity lower than or equal to 3 kg, the weighted water consumption is the water consumption at rated capacity and rounded to the nearest integer.

For other household washer-dryers, the weighted water consumption ( $W_{WD}$ ) of the wash and dry cycle of a household washer-dryer is calculated as follows, and is rounded to the nearest integer:

$$W_{WD} = \frac{3 \times E_{WD,\text{full}} + 2 \times E_{WD,\frac{1}{2}}}{5}$$

where:

$W_{WD,\text{full}}$  is the water consumption of the wash and dry cycle of a household washer-dryer at rated capacity, in litres and rounded to one decimal place;

$W_{WD,1/2}$  is the water consumption of the wash and dry cycle of a household washer-dryer at half of the rated capacity, in litres and rounded to one decimal place.

## 6. REMAINING MOISTURE CONTENT

The weighted remaining moisture content after washing (D) of a household washing machine and of the washing cycle of a household washer-dryer is calculated in percentage as follows, and is rounded to the nearest whole percent:

$$D = \left[ A \times D_{\text{full}} + B \times D_{\frac{1}{2}} + C \times D_{\frac{1}{4}} \right]$$

where:

$D_{\text{full}}$  is the remaining moisture content for the eco 40-60 programme at rated washing capacity, in percentage and rounded to one decimal place;

$D_{\frac{1}{2}}$  is the remaining moisture content of the eco 40-60 programme at half of the rated washing capacity in percentage and rounded to one decimal place;

$D_{\frac{1}{4}}$  is the remaining moisture content of the eco 40-60 programme at a quarter of the rated washing capacity in percentage and rounded to one decimal place;

A, B and C are the weighting factors as described in point 1.1(c).

## 7. FINAL MOISTURE CONTENT

For the drying cycle of a household washer-dryer, cupboard dry status corresponds to 0 % final moisture content, which is the thermodynamic equilibrium of the load with the ambient air conditions of temperature (tested at  $20 \pm 2$  °C) and relative humidity (tested at  $65 \pm 5$  %).

The final moisture content is calculated in accordance with the harmonised standards the reference numbers of which have been published for this purpose in the *Official Journal of the European Union* and rounded to one decimal place.

## 8. LOW POWER MODES

The power consumption of the off mode ( $P_o$ ), standby mode ( $P_{sm}$ ) and where applicable delay start ( $P_{ds}$ ) are measured. The measured values are expressed in W and rounded to two decimal places.

During measurements of the power consumption in low power modes, the following shall be checked and recorded:

- the display or not of information;
- the activation or not of a network connection.

If the household washing machine and household washer-dryer provides for a wrinkle guard function, this operation shall be interrupted by opening the household washing machine or household washer-dryer door, or any other appropriate intervention 15 minutes before the measurement of energy consumption.

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## ANNEX IV

**Verification procedure for market surveillance purposes**

The verification tolerances defined in this Annex relate only to the verification of the declared parameters by Member State authorities and shall not be used by the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative as an allowed tolerance to establish the values in the technical documentation or in interpreting these values with a view to achieving compliance or to communicate better performance by any means.

Where a model has been designed to be able to detect it is being tested (e.g. by recognising the test conditions or test cycle), and to react specifically by automatically altering its performance during the test with the objective of reaching a more favourable level for any of the parameters specified in this Regulation or included in the technical documentation or included in any of the documentation provided, the model and all equivalent models shall be considered not compliant.

When verifying the compliance of a product model with the requirements laid down in this Regulation pursuant to Article 3(2) of Directive 2009/125/EC, for the requirements referred to in this Annex, the authorities of the Member States shall apply the following procedure:

- (1) the Member State authorities shall verify one single unit of the model;
- (2) the model shall be considered to comply with the applicable requirements if:
  - (a) the values given in the technical documentation pursuant to point (2) of Annex IV to Directive 2009/125/EC (declared values), and, where applicable, the values used to calculate these values, are not more favourable for the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative than the results of the corresponding measurements carried out pursuant to paragraph (g) thereof; and
  - (b) the declared values meet any requirements laid down in this Regulation, and any required product information published by the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative does not contain values that are more favourable for the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative than the declared values; and
  - (c) when the Member State authorities check the unit of the model, they find that the manufacturer, importer or authorised representative has put in place a system that complies with the requirements in the second paragraph of Article 6; and
  - (d) when the Member State authorities check the unit of the model, it complies with the programme requirements in points 1 and 2, resource efficiency requirements in point 8 and information requirements in point 9 of Annex II; and
  - (e) when the Member State authorities test the unit of the model, the determined values (the values of the relevant parameters as measured in testing and the values calculated from these measurements) comply with the respective verification tolerances as given in Table 1;
- (3) if the results referred to in point (2)(a), (b), (c) or (d) are not achieved, the model and all equivalent models shall be considered not to comply with this Regulation;
- (4) if the result referred to in point (2)(e) is not achieved, the Member State authorities shall select three additional units of the same model for testing. As an alternative, the three additional units selected may be of one or more equivalent models;
- (5) the model shall be considered to comply with the applicable requirements if, for these three units, the arithmetical mean of the determined values complies with the respective verification tolerances given in Table 1;
- (6) if the result referred to in point (5) is not achieved, the model and all equivalent models shall be considered not to comply with this Regulation;
- (7) the Member State authorities shall provide all relevant information to the authorities the other Member States and to the Commission without delay after a decision being taken on the non-compliance of the model according to points (3) or (6).

The Member State authorities shall use the measurement and calculation methods set out in Annex III.

The Member State authorities shall only apply the verification tolerances that are set out in Table 1 and shall use only the procedure described in points 1 to 7 for the requirements referred to in this Annex. For the parameters in Table 1, no other verification tolerances, such as those set out in harmonised standards or in any other measurement method, shall be applied.

*Table 1*  
**Verification tolerances**

Parameter	Verification tolerances
$E_{W,full}$ , $E_{W,1/2}$ , $E_{W,1/4}$ , $E_{WD,full}$ , $E_{WD,1/2}$	The determined value (*) shall not exceed the declared value of $E_{W,full}$ , $E_{W,1/2}$ , $E_{W,1/4}$ , $E_{WD,full}$ and $E_{WD,1/2}$ , respectively, by more than 10 %.
Weighted energy consumption ( $E_W$ and $E_{WD}$ )	The determined value (*) shall not exceed the declared value of $E_W$ , respectively $E_{WD}$ , by more than 10 %.
$W_{W,full}$ , $W_{W,1/2}$ , $W_{W,1/4}$ , $W_{WD,full}$ , $W_{WD,1/2}$	The determined value (*) shall not exceed the declared value of $W_{W,full}$ , $W_{W,1/2}$ , $W_{W,1/4}$ , $W_{WD,full}$ and $W_{WD,1/2}$ , respectively, by more than 10 %.
Weighted water consumption ( $W_W$ and $W_{WD}$ )	The determined value (*) shall not exceed the declared value of $W_W$ , respectively $W_{WD}$ , by more than 10 %.
Washing efficiency index ( $I_W$ and $J_W$ )	The determined value (*) shall not be less than the declared value of $I_W$ , respectively $J_W$ , by more than 8 %.
Rinsing effectiveness ( $I_R$ and $J_R$ )	The determined value (*) shall not exceed the declared value of $I_R$ , respectively $J_R$ , by more than 1,0 g/kg.
Duration of the eco 40-60 programme ( $t_w$ )	The determined value (*) of the programme duration shall not exceed the declared value of $t_w$ by more than 5 % or by more than 10 minutes, whichever is the smaller.
Duration of the wash and dry cycle ( $t_{WD}$ )	The determined value of the cycle duration shall not exceed the declared value of $t_{WD}$ by more than 5 % or by more than 10 minutes, whichever is the smaller.
Maximum temperature inside the laundry (T)	The determined value shall not be less than the declared values of T by more than 5 K and it shall not exceed the declared value of T by more than 5 K.
$D_{full}$ , $D_{1/2}$ , $D_{1/4}$	The determined value (*) shall not exceed the declared value of $D_{full}$ , $D_{1/2}$ and $D_{1/4}$ , respectively, by more than 10 %.
Remaining moisture content after washing (D)	The determined value (*) shall not exceed the declared value of D by more than 10 %.
Final moisture content after drying	The determined value (*) shall not exceed 3,0 %.
Power consumption in off mode ( $P_o$ )	The determined value (*) of power consumption $P_o$ shall not exceed the declared value by more than 0,10 W.
Power consumption in standby mode ( $P_{sm}$ )	The determined value (*) of power consumption $P_{sm}$ shall not exceed the declared value by more than 10 % if the declared value is higher than 1,00 W, or by more than 0,10 W if the declared value is lower than or equal to 1,00 W.
Power consumption in delay start ( $P_{ds}$ )	The determined value (*) of power consumption $P_{ds}$ shall not exceed the declared value by more than 10 % if the declared value is higher than 1,00 W, or by more than 0,10 W if the declared value is lower than or equal to 1,00 W.

(\*) In the case of three additional units tested as prescribed in point 4, the determined value means the arithmetical mean of the values determined for these three additional units.

## ANNEX V

**Benchmarks****1. INDICATIVE BENCHMARKS FOR HOUSEHOLD WASHING MACHINES ON WATER AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION, WASHING EFFICIENCY AND AIRBORNE ACOUSTICAL NOISE EMISSIONS**

At the time of entry into force of this Regulation, the best available technology on the market for household washing machines, in terms of their water and energy consumptions and airborne acoustical noise emissions during washing/spinning for the standard 60 °C cotton programme at rated capacity and half of the rated capacity and for the standard 40 °C cotton programme at half of the rated capacity, was identified as follows <sup>(1)</sup>:

- (1) household washing machine with a rated capacity of 5 kg:
  - (a) energy consumption: 0,56 kWh/cycle (or 0,11 kWh/kg) corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 82 kWh/year;
  - (b) water consumption: 40 L/cycle, corresponding to 8 800 L/year for 220 cycles;
  - (c) airborne acoustical emissions during washing/spinning: 58/82 dB(A);
- (2) household washing machine with a rated capacity of 6 kg:
  - (a) energy consumption: 0,55 kWh/cycle (or 0,092 kWh/kg) corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 122 kWh/year;
  - (b) water consumption: 40,45 L/cycle, corresponding to 8 900 L/year for 220 cycles;
  - (c) airborne acoustical emissions during washing/spinning: 47/77 dB(A);
- (3) household washing machine with a rated capacity of 7 kg:
  - (a) energy consumption: 0,6 kWh/cycle (or 0,15 kWh/kg) corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 124 kWh/year;
  - (b) water consumption: 39 L/cycle, corresponding to 8 500 L/year for 220 cycles;
  - (c) airborne acoustical emissions during washing/spinning: 52/73 dB(A);
- (4) household washing machine with a rated capacity of 8 kg (when equipped with a heat pump):
  - (a) energy consumption: 0,52 kWh/cycle (or 0,065 kWh/kg) corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 98 kWh/year;
  - (b) water consumption: 44,55 L/cycle, corresponding to 9 800 L/year for 220 cycles;
- (5) household washing machine with a rated capacity of 8 kg (when not equipped with heat pump technology):
  - (a) energy consumption: 0,54 kWh/cycle (or 0,067 kWh/kg) corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 116 kWh/year;
  - (b) water consumption: 36,82 L/cycle, corresponding to 8 100 L/year for 220 cycles;

<sup>(1)</sup> For evaluation of the water and energy consumptions and washing efficiency, the calculation methods set out in Annex II of Regulation (EU) No 1015/2010 with regard to ecodesign requirements for household washing-machines was used; for airborne acoustical noise emissions during washing/spinning, the standard measurement according to EN 60704 was used

(6) household washing machine with a rated capacity of 9 kg:

- (a) energy consumption: 0,35 kWh/cycle (or 0,038 kWh/kg) corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 76 kWh/year;
- (b) water consumption: 47,72 L/cycle, corresponding to 10 499 L/year for 220 cycles.

2. INDICATIVE BENCHMARKS FOR HOUSEHOLD WASHER-DRYERS ON WATER AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION, WASHING EFFICIENCY AND AIRBORNE ACOUSTICAL NOISE EMISSIONS

At the time of entry into force of this Regulation, the best available technology on the market for household washer-dryers, in terms of their water and energy consumptions and airborne acoustical noise emissions during washing/spinning/drying for the standard 60 °C cotton washing cycle at rated capacity and the 'dry cotton' drying cycle, is identified as follows <sup>(2)</sup>:

(1) household washer dryer with a rated washing capacity of 6 kg:

- (a) energy consumption of a complete cycle (washing, spinning and drying) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 3,64 kWh/cycle corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 800,8 kWh/year;
- (b) energy consumption of a washing cycle (washing and spinning only) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 0,77 kWh/cycle corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 169,4 kWh/year;
- (c) water consumption of a complete cycle (washing, spinning and drying) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 78 L/cycle, corresponding to 17 160 L/year for 220 cycles;
- (d) airborne acoustic emissions during washing/spinning/drying: 51/77/66 dB(A);

(2) household washer dryer with a rated washing capacity of 7 kg:

- (a) energy consumption of a complete cycle (washing, spinning and drying) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 4,76 kWh/cycle corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 1 047 kWh/year;
- (b) energy consumption of a washing cycle (washing and spinning only) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 0,8 kWh/cycle corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 176 kWh/year;
- (c) water consumption of a complete cycle (washing, spinning and drying) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 72 L/cycle, corresponding to 15 840 L/year for 220 cycles;
- (d) airborne acoustic emissions during washing/spinning/drying: 47/73/58 dB(A);

(3) household washer dryer with a rated washing capacity of 8 kg:

- (a) energy consumption of a complete cycle (washing, spinning and drying) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 3,8 kWh/cycle corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 836 kWh/year;
- (b) energy consumption of a washing cycle (washing and spinning only) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 1,04 kWh/cycle corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 229 kWh/year;
- (c) water consumption of a complete cycle (washing, spinning and drying) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 70 L/cycle, corresponding to 15 400 L/year for 220 cycles;
- (d) airborne acoustic emissions during washing/spinning/drying: 49/73/66 dB(A);

<sup>(2)</sup> For evaluation of the water and energy consumptions and washing performance, the calculation methods set out in Directive 96/60/EC with regard to energy labelling of washer-driers was used; for airborne acoustical noise emissions during washing/spinning/drying, the standard measurement according to EN 60704 was used.

- (4) household washer dryer with a rated washing capacity of 9 kg:
- (a) energy consumption of a complete cycle (washing, spinning and drying) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 3,67 kWh/cycle corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 807 kWh/year;
  - (b) energy consumption of a washing cycle (washing and spinning only) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 1,09 kWh/cycle corresponding to an overall annual consumption of 240 kWh/year;
  - (c) water consumption of a complete cycle (washing, spinning and drying) at rated capacity and at standard 60 °C cotton programme: 69 L/cycle, corresponding to 15 180 L/year for 220 cycles;
  - (d) airborne acoustic emissions during washing/spinning/drying: 49/75/66 dB(A).
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## ANNEX VI

**Multi-drum household washing machines and multi-drum household washer-dryers**

For multi-drum household washing machines and multi-drum household washer-dryers, the provisions of points 1 to 6 and 9(2) of Annex II, following the measurement and calculation methods set out in Annex III, shall apply to any drum. The provisions of points 7, 8, 9(1) and 9(3) of Annex II, apply to all multi-drum household washing machines and all multi-drum household washer-dryers.

The provisions of points 1 to 6 and 9(2) of Annex II, shall apply to each of the drums independently, except when the drums are built in the same casing and can, in the eco 40-60 programme or in the wash and dry cycle, only operate simultaneously. In the latter case, these provisions shall apply to the multi-drum household washing machine or to the multi-drum household washer-dryer as a whole, as follows:

- (a) the rated washing capacity is the sum of the rated washing capacities of each drum; for multi-drum household washer-dryers, the rated capacity is the sum of the rated capacities of each drum;
- (b) the energy and water consumption of the multi-drum household washing machine and of the washing cycle of the multi-drum household washer-dryer is the sum of the energy consumption, or water consumption, of each drum;
- (c) the energy and water consumption of the complete cycle of the multi-drum household washer-dryer is the sum of the energy consumption, or water consumption, of each drum;
- (d) the Energy Efficiency Index ( $EEL_w$ ) is calculated using the rated washing capacity and energy consumption; for multi-drum household washer-dryers, the Energy Efficiency Index ( $EEL_{wD}$ ) is calculated using the rated capacity and energy consumption;
- (e) each drum shall comply individually with the minimum washing efficiency and the minimum rinsing effectiveness requirements;
- (f) each drum shall comply individually with the requirement on duration applicable to the drum with the largest rated capacity;
- (g) the requirements on low power modes apply to the whole household washing machine or the whole household washer-dryer;
- (h) the residual moisture content after washing is calculated as the weighted average, according to each drum's rated capacity;
- (i) for household multi-drum washer-dryers, the requirement on final moisture content after drying applies individually to each drum.

The verification procedure set out in Annex IV applies to the multi-drum household washing machine and to the multi-drum household washer-dryer as a whole, with the verification tolerances applying to each of the parameters determined in application of this annex.

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