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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1723/98
of 3 August 1998
establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain
fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1498/98⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 of 28 December 1992 on the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 3 (3) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commis-

sion fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto;

Whereas, in compliance with the above criteria, the standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 August 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 August 1998.

For the Commission
Monika WULF-MATHIES
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24. 12. 1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 15. 7. 1998, p. 4.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 3 August 1998 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(ECU/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0709 90 70	052	39,6
	999	39,6
0805 30 10	382	60,8
	388	60,8
	524	53,2
	528	62,4
	999	59,3
	0806 10 10	052
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	400	292,6
	412	146,5
	600	72,8
	624	166,9
	999	159,2
	388	68,9
	400	69,6
	508	115,5
	512	60,4
	524	50,8
	528	87,9
0808 20 50	800	142,8
	804	120,7
	999	89,6
	052	92,3
	388	75,0
0809 20 95	512	56,6
	528	103,5
	999	81,9
	052	522,6
	400	311,6
0809 40 05	404	366,9
	616	345,7
	999	386,7
	064	68,2
	066	58,6
	624	165,1
	999	97,3

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2317/97 (OJ L 321, 22. 11. 1997, p. 19). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1724/98
of 3 August 1998
derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 689/92 fixing the procedure and conditions
for the taking-over of cereals by intervention agencies

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 923/96⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 689/92⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1612/98⁽⁴⁾, lays down the conditions for accepting cereals into intervention;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 lays down that cereals may be offered for intervention in Sweden up until 30 June;

Whereas large quantities were offered at the end of June 1998; whereas the deadline for taking over those cereals should be laid down, taking account of the extension of the deadline for offers;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Notwithstanding the third subparagraph of Article 3(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 689/92, the final delivery of the quantities offered for intervention in Sweden in June 1998 must be made by 21 August 1998.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall apply from 1 August 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 August 1998.

For the Commission
Monika WULF-MATHIES
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 126, 24. 5. 1996, p. 37.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 74, 20. 3. 1992, p. 18.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 209, 25. 7. 1998, p. 25.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1725/98
of 3 August 1998
amending the import duties in the cereals sector

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 923/96⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 of 28 June 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 as regards import duties in the cereals sector⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2092/97⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 2 (1) thereof,

Whereas the import duties in the cereals sector are fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1710/98⁽⁵⁾;

Whereas Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 provides that if during the period of application, the average import duty calculated differs by ECU 5 per tonne from the duty fixed, a corresponding adjustment is to be made; whereas such a difference has arisen; whereas it is therefore necessary to adjust the import duties fixed in Regulation (EC) No 1710/98,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annexes I and II to Regulation (EC) No 1710/98 are hereby replaced by Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 4 August 1998.

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

Done at Brussels, 3 August 1998.

For the Commission
Monika WULF-MATHIES
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 126, 24. 5. 1996, p. 37.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 161, 29. 6. 1996, p. 125.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 292, 25. 10. 1997, p. 10.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 215, 1. 8. 1998, p. 38.

ANNEX I

Import duties for the products listed in Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92

CN code	Description	Import duty by land inland waterway or sea from Mediterranean, the Black Sea or Baltic Sea ports (ECU/tonne)	Import duty by air or by sea from other ports ⁽²⁾ (ECU/tonne)
1001 10 00	Durum wheat ⁽¹⁾	5,26	0,00
1001 90 91	Common wheat seed	57,08	47,08
1001 90 99	Common high quality wheat other than for sowing ⁽³⁾	57,08	47,08
	medium quality	77,62	67,62
	low quality	98,71	88,71
1002 00 00	Rye	111,42	101,42
1003 00 10	Barley, seed	111,42	101,42
1003 00 90	Barley, other ⁽³⁾	111,42	101,42
1005 10 90	Maize seed other than hybrid	110,34	100,34
1005 90 00	Maize other than seed ⁽³⁾	110,34	100,34
1007 00 90	Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing	122,27	112,27

⁽¹⁾ In the case of durum wheat not meeting the minimum quality requirements referred to in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1249/96, the duty applicable is that fixed for low-quality common wheat.

⁽²⁾ For goods arriving in the Community via the Atlantic Ocean or via the Suez Canal (Article 2 (4) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96), the importer may benefit from a reduction in the duty of:

— ECU 3 per tonne, where the port of unloading is on the Mediterranean Sea, or

— ECU 2 per tonne, where the port of unloading is in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Sweden, Finland or the Atlantic Coasts of the Iberian Peninsula.

⁽³⁾ The importer may benefit from a flat-rate reduction of ECU 14 or 8 per tonne, where the conditions laid down in Article 2 (5) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 are met.

ANNEX II

Factors for calculating duties

(for 31 July 1998)

1. Averages over the two-week period preceding the day of fixing:

Exchange quotations	Minneapolis	Kansas-City	Chicago	Chicago	Minneapolis	Minneapolis
Product (% proteins at 12 % humidity)	HRS2. 14 %	HRW2. 11,5 %	SRW2	YC3	HAD2	US barley 2
Quotation (ECU/tonne)	103,38	95,09	87,77	77,34	169,36 ⁽¹⁾	63,22 ⁽¹⁾
Gulf premium (ECU/tonne)	—	10,96	- 2,82	6,85	—	—
Great Lakes premium (ECU/tonne)	14,19	—	—	—	—	—

⁽¹⁾ Fob Duluth.

2. Freight/cost: Gulf of Mexico — Rotterdam: ECU 11,06 per tonne; Great Lakes — Rotterdam: ECU 20,10 per tonne.

3. Subsidy within the meaning of the third paragraph of Article 4 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1249/96 : ECU 0,00 per tonne (HRW2)
: ECU 0,00 per tonne (SRW2).

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 20 July 1998

approving the external auditors of the European Central Bank

(98/481/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Protocol on the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank and in particular to Article 27.1 thereof,

Article 1
Coopers and Lybrand are hereby approved as the external auditors of the ECB.

Having regard to the Recommendation of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (hereinafter referred to as the 'ECB') of 19 June 1998,

Article 2
This Decision shall be notified to the ECB.

Whereas the accounts of the ECB and national central banks are to be audited by independent external auditors recommended by the Governing Council and approved by the Council of the European Union;

Article 3
This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1998.

Whereas the Governing Council of the ECB has recommended Coopers and Lybrand as the external auditors of the ECB,

For the Council
The President
W. MOLTERER

COUNCIL DECISION

of 20 July 1998

on a common technical regulation for the attachment requirements for connection to the analogue public switched telephone networks (PSTNs) of terminal equipment (excluding terminal equipment supporting the voice telephony justified case service) in which network addressing, if provided, is by means of dual tone multi-frequency (DTMF) signalling

(98/482/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to Directive 98/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 1998 relating to telecommunications terminal equipment and satellite earth station equipment, including the mutual recognition of their conformity⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7(2), second indent, thereof,

Whereas the Commission has identified the type of terminal equipment for which a common technical regulation is required, as well as the associated scope statement;

Whereas the corresponding harmonised standards, or parts thereof, implementing the essential requirements which are to be transformed into common technical regulations should be adopted;

Whereas the technical development of the national public telephone networks has progressed continuously during the course of the twentieth century, and whereas since this development was initially undertaken independently from network to network, important technical differences will remain for some time between such networks;

Whereas technical differences in public switched telephone networks (PSTNs) exist, and whereas the most significant of these are described in Advisory Notes published in the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) Guide EG 201 121;

Whereas these Advisory Notes are voluntary in application and may contain useful information for the manufacturer;

Whereas notified bodies shall therefore ensure that manufacturers are aware of the applicable Advisory Notes concerning the specific requirements of certain networks;

Whereas it should be possible to continue to approve terminal equipment according to national regulation for a transitional period;

Whereas manufacturers are to attach a notice with all products approved under this Decision; whereas manufacturers are to make a network compatibility declaration; whereas notified bodies are to ensure that manufacturers are aware of these obligations; whereas notified bodies are to inform other notified bodies of the network compatibility declarations whenever approval is granted under this Decision;

Whereas equipment falling within the scope of this Decision that has been approved under national regulations before the end of the transitional period may continue to be placed on that national market and put into service;

Whereas no opinion was delivered by the Approvals Committee for Terminal Equipment (ACTE Committee) set up by Article 28 of Directive 98/13/EC on the common technical regulation provided for by this Decision; whereas, consequently in accordance with Article 29(3) of Directive 98/13/EC the Commission has submitted to the Council this proposal relating to the measure to be taken,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. This Decision shall apply to equipment which is intended to be connected as a single terminal via a two-wire access to an analogue PSTN line at the network termination point and falls within the scope of the harmonised standard identified in Article 2(1).

2. This Decision establishes a common technical regulation covering the attachment requirements for analogue PSTN terminal equipment referred to in paragraph 1. This Decision does not cover requirements relating to the interworking of terminal equipment via the public telecommunications network, as specified in Article 5(g) of Directive 98/13/EC.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 74, 12. 3. 1998, p. 1.

Article 2

1. The common technical regulation shall include the harmonised standard prepared by the relevant standardisation body implementing, to the extent applicable, the essential requirements referred to in Articles 5(d) and 5(f) of Directive 98/13/EC. The reference to the standard is set out in Annex I.

2. Terminal equipment covered by this Decision shall comply with the common technical regulation referred to in paragraph 1, shall meet the essential requirements referred to in Articles 5(a) and 5(b) of Directive 98/13/EC, and shall meet the requirements of any other applicable Directives, in particular Council Directive 73/23/EEC of 19 February 1973 on the harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits⁽¹⁾ and Council Directive 89/336/EEC of 3 May 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility⁽²⁾.

Article 3

1. Notified bodies designated for carrying out the procedures referred to in Article 10 of Directive 98/13/EC shall, as regards terminal equipment covered by Article 1(1) of this Decision, use or ensure the use of the applicable parts of the harmonised standard referred to in Article 2(1) of this Decision.

2. Notified bodies shall ensure that:

- (a) manufacturers or other applicants for approval are aware of the Advisory Notes contained in ETSI Guide EG 201 121, including any amendments thereto, and

(b) manufacturers are aware that they must attach a notice of the form given in Annex II to all products approved under this Decision, and

(c) manufacturers also make the network compatibility declarations of the form given in Annex III.

3. Notified bodies shall inform other notified bodies of the network compatibility declarations made when approval is granted under this Decision.

Article 4

1. Equipment within the scope of the harmonised standard referred to in Article 2(1) may continue to be approved under national type approval regulations for a period of 15 months after the date of adoption of this Decision.

2. Terminal equipment approved under such national type approval regulations may continue to be placed on the market and put into service.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1998.

For the Council

The President

W. MOLTERER

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 77, 26. 3. 1973, p. 29. Directive as amended by Directive 93/68/EEC (OJ L 220, 30. 8. 1993, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 139, 23. 5. 1989, p. 19. Directive as last amended by Directive 93/68/EEC (OJ L 220, 30. 8. 1993, p. 1).

*ANNEX I***Reference to the Harmonised Standard applicable**

The harmonised standard referred to in Article 2 is:

'Attachment requirements for pan-European approval for connection to the analogue Public Switched Telephone Networks (PSTNs) of TE (excluding TE supporting the voice telephony service) in which network addressing, if provided, is by means of Dual Tone Multi Frequency (DTMF) signalling'.

ETSI**European Telecommunications Standards Institute****ETSI Secretariat**

TBR 21: January 1998

(excluding the Foreword)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The European Telecommunications Standards Institute is recognised according to Council Directive 83/189/EEC of 28 March 1983 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations⁽¹⁾.

The harmonised standard referred to above has been produced according to a Mandate issued in accordance with relevant procedures of Directive 83/189/EEC.

The full text of the harmonised standard referenced above can be obtained from:

European Telecommunications Standards Institute
650 Route des Lucioles
F-06921 Sophia Antipolis Cedex
France.

European Commission
DG XIII/A/2-(BU 31, 1/7)
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels.

or from any other organisation responsible for making ETSI standards available, of which a list can be found on the Internet under address www.ispo.ccc.be.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 109, 26. 4. 1983, p. 8.

*ANNEX II***Text of the notice which manufacturers shall attach to products approved under this Decision**

'The equipment has been approved in accordance with Council Decision 98/482/EC for pan-European single terminal connection to the public switched telephone network (PSTN). However, due to differences between the individual PSTNs provided in different countries, the approval does not, of itself, give an unconditional assurance of successful operation on every PSTN network termination point.

In the event of problems, you should contact your equipment supplier in the first instance.'

Note: The manufacturer should ensure that the vendor and user of the equipment is clearly informed of the above information by means of packaging and/or user manuals or other forms of user instructions.

*ANNEX III***Network compatibility declaration to be made by the manufacturer to the Notified Body and the vendor**

This declaration will indicate the networks with which the equipment is designed to work and any notified networks with which the equipment may have interworking difficulties.

Network compatibility declaration to be made by the manufacturer to the user

This declaration will indicate the networks with which the equipment is designed to work and any notified networks with which the equipment may have interworking difficulties. The manufacturer shall also associate a statement to make it clear where network compatibility is dependent on physical and software switch settings. It will also advise the user to contact the vendor if it is desired to use the equipment on another network.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 July 1998

establishing ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label to dishwashers

(notified under document number C(1998) 2102)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/483/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 of 23 March 1992 on a Community eco-label award scheme⁽¹⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 5(1) thereof,

Whereas the first subparagraph of Article 5(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 provides that the conditions for the award of the Community eco-label shall be defined by product groups;

Whereas Article 10(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 states that the environmental performance of a product shall be assessed by reference to the specific criteria for product groups;

Whereas, by Decision 93/431/EEC⁽²⁾, the Commission established ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label to dishwashers, which, according to Article 3 thereof, expired on 30 June 1996;

Whereas it is appropriate to adopt a new decision establishing ecological criteria for this product group, which will be valid for a further period of three years after the expiry of the period of validity of the previous criteria, in order to allow for the participation in the Community eco-label award scheme of manufacturers and importers of dishwashers;

Whereas it is appropriate to revise the criteria which were established by Decision 93/431/EEC in order for the test methods and classification for energy consumption and

cleaning and drying performance to be expressed in a manner consistent with Commission Directive 97/17/EC⁽³⁾ implementing Council Directive 92/75/EEC⁽⁴⁾ with regard to energy labelling of household dishwashers and in order to adapt the energy and water consumption requirements to technological innovation and market developments;

Whereas in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 the Commission has consulted the principal interest groups within a consultation forum;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee set up pursuant to Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The product group 'dishwashers' (hereinafter referred to as 'the product group') shall mean:

- electric mains-operated household dishwashers sold to the general public. Appliances that may also use other energy sources, such as batteries, or have no internal heat source are excluded.

Article 2

The environmental performance and the fitness for use of the product group shall be assessed by reference to the specific ecological criteria set out in the Annex.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 99, 11. 4. 1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 7. 8. 1993, p. 38.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 118, 7. 5. 1997, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 297, 13. 10. 1992, p. 16.

Article 3

The definition of the product group and the specific ecological criteria for the product group shall be valid for a period of three years from the first day of the month following the adoption of the criteria.

Article 4

The code number assigned for administrative purposes to the product group shall be '002'.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1998.

For the Commission

Ritt BJERREGAARD

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

FRAMEWORK

In order to be awarded an eco-label the dishwasher shall comply with the criteria of this Annex, which are aimed at promoting:

- reduction of environmental damage or risks related to the use of energy (global warming, acidification, depletion of non-renewable resources) by reducing energy consumption,
- reduction of environmental damage related to the use of natural resources by reducing water consumption,
- reduction of water pollution by contributing to reduced detergent consumption.

Additionally, the criteria encourage the implementation of best practice and enhance the environmental awareness of consumers.

Furthermore, marking of plastic components encourages their recycling.

KEY CRITERIA

1. Energy saving

Dishwashers with 10 or more place settings must have an energy efficiency index lower than 0,76 as defined in Commission Directive 97/17/EC, Annex IV, using the same test method EN 50242 and programme cycle as chosen for Directive 97/17/EC.

The appliance will thus qualify for either energy efficiency class A or B as defined in Directive 97/17/EC, Annex IV.

Dishwashers with less than 10 place settings must have an energy efficiency index lower than 0,88 as defined in Directive 97/17/EC, Annex IV, using the same test method EN 50242 and programme cycle as chosen for Directive 97/17/EC.

The appliance will thus qualify for either energy efficiency class A, B or C as defined in Directive 97/17/EC, Annex IV.

2. Water saving

The water consumption of the dishwasher (expressed as $W_{(\text{measured})}$) shall be lower or equal to the threshold as defined by the equation below:

$$W_{(\text{measured})} \leq 0,6 s + 11,2$$

where:

$W_{(\text{measured})}$ = the measured water consumption of the dishwasher in litres per cycle, expressed to the first decimal,

s = the applicable number of standard place settings of the dishwasher.

The water consumption shall be measured using the same test method EN 50242 and programme cycle as chosen for Directive 97/17/EC.

3. Prevention of excessive use of detergent

The appliance shall have clear volumetric markings on the detergent dispenser allowing the user to adjust the detergent quantity used according to the type and amount of load and its degree of soiling (see also criterion 5.1.g).

BEST PRACTICE CRITERIA

4. Appliance design

1. The appliance shall allow the user to select a programme for washing a standard load using detergents that work best at temperatures lower than 65 °C, i.e. 55 ° or 50 °C.

2. The appliance shall have clear markings identifying the appropriate settings for the programmes available (e.g. standard, low-temperature, half-load, lightly or heavily soiled load, etc.).
3. Where applicable, the appliance shall allow the salt dosing to be adjusted to the local water hardness, and shall have a salt refill indicator.

5. User instructions

The appliance shall be sold with an instruction manual which provides advice on the correct environmental use and, in particular:

1. Recommendations for optimal use of energy, water and additives (detergent, salt, etc.) in the operation of the appliance, including:
 - (a) Guidelines on the proper installation of the dishwasher and, if hot-fill is available on the machine, advice on the fuel best used for home water heating.
 - (b) Advice to adjust the salt dosing to the local water hardness, if applicable.
 - (c) Advice to use a full load whenever possible.
 - (d) Advice to avoid rinsing items before placing them in the dishwasher.
 - (e) Advice on the best use of the rinse and hold option, if available.
 - (f) Advice on the availability of detergents that work best at temperatures lower than 65 °C and have the potential to save energy.
 - (g) Advice on varying the detergent dose according to the type and amount of the load and its degree of soil (for example: a half load requires less detergent). Reference shall be made to the markings in the detergent dispenser.
 - (h) Information about the energy and water consumption of the dishwasher for the different programmes, allowing the consumer to identify an appropriate programme to make the least use of energy and water.
 - (i) Advice that the dishwasher should not be left in the 'on'-position when it has completed its cycle, because of possible standby energy losses. The instruction manual shall state the time needed to complete the programmes available.
 - (j) Information about the cleaning and drying performance of the dishwasher, with reference to the energy-label classes.
 - (k) Advice on appropriate maintenance of the dishwasher, including the regular cleaning of filters and removal of deposits.
 - (l) Information that ignoring the issues mentioned above can lead to higher consumption of energy, water and/or detergent and thus can increase the running costs and lead to poor results.
2. Information about those parts and materials of the dishwasher which are reusable and/or recyclable.
3. Advice that when disposing of the dishwasher the consumer should enquire about and follow the applicable waste management route.

6. Recycling

Plastic parts weighing more than 50 g must have a permanent marking identifying the material, in conformity with ISO 1043.

Excluded from this criterion are extruded plastic materials.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

7. Cleaning performance

The dishwasher must have a cleaning performance index of more than 0,88 as defined in Directive 97/17/EC, Annex IV, using the same test method EN 50242 and programme cycle as chosen for Directive 97/17/EC.

The dishwasher will thus qualify for either cleaning performance class A, B or C as defined in Directive 97/17/EC, Annex IV.

8. Drying performance

The dishwasher must have a drying performance index of more than 0,78 as defined in Directive 97/17/EC, Annex IV, using the same test method EN 50242 and programme cycle as chosen for Directive 97/17/EC.

The dishwasher will thus qualify for either drying performance class A, B or C as defined in Directive 97/17/EC, Annex IV.

9. Noise emissions

Airborne noise from the appliance, counted as sound power, shall not exceed 55 dB (A) for free standing models and 51 dB (A) for built-in models.

The measurement of the noise level shall be in accordance with Council Directive 86/594/EEC⁽¹⁾, using the standards prescribed in standard EN 50242.

10. Noise information

Information about the noise level of the machine shall be provided in a way clearly visible to the consumer. This shall be done by the incorporation of this information in the energy label for dishwashers.

The information relating to noise shall be measured in accordance with Directive 86/594/EEC, using the standards prescribed in standard EN 50242.

TESTING

11. Testing laboratories

The testing shall be performed at the expense of the applicant by laboratories that meet the general requirements stressed in the standards EN 45001 and that have experience with the testing of dishwashers.

CONSUMER INFORMATION

The following text shall be provided in such a way as to be clearly visible to consumers (next to the label, whenever possible).

- **This product qualifies for the European Union eco-label because it is efficient with energy and water.**
 - **Additional information on how to minimise environmental impacts is given in the instruction manual.**
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 344, 6. 12. 1986, p. 24.