

4. Toolkit: Monitoring, verification and Enforcement (MV&E)

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You've been given \$300,000 to improve compliance rates in your S&L programme

How do you go about deciding on the most effective ways to spend this?

How would you spend this?



Ensure that **consume**r receive the performance they are paying for

which invest more in energy efficiency do not lose market share to unscrupulous competitors

Compliance

Ensure **governments** get the outcomes they expect (programme objectives) Safeguards the integrity of the programme – hard to win back confidence once lost



• What are some of the ways to increase compliance rates?





- 1. Test more products
- 2. Build a better laboratory
- 3. Better educate product suppliers
- 4. Publish list of offenders & actions taken
- 5. Inspect more labels in stores
- 6. Improved powers to act (legislation)
- 7. Improve the range of sanctions available
- 8. Publish rules / enforcement policy document
- 9. Make it easier for suppliers to demonstrate/report compliance
- 10. Improve targeting of testing
- 11. Develop in-house manual for staff
- 12. Publish testing targets in advance
- 13. Ensure that enforcement action is taken swiftly
- 14. Add requirements for retailers









- Are the requirements for suppliers and retailers clear and accessible?
- Are they understandable (not 'legalese')
- Is registration (or alternatives) simple and effective, online, includes FAQ and guides?
- Is is clear what documentation is required?
- Are all the relevant documents relating to MV&E clearly identified on the website?
- Are enforcement procedures and sanctions obvious?
- Are all staff clear about their roles and responsibilities? e.g. Is there a staff 'operations manual'?
- Are you reaching 'new' stakeholders as they enter the market?

Benefits

- Avoids time-consuming questions to busy staff
- Avoids wasting time on unresolved cases, delayed action





Example: MEPS Verification Process: Singapore



ANNEX A – Verification Testing Process 1. NEA randomly selects models of registered goods for Verification Testing (VT) 2. Suppliers of selected models provide samples for testing 3. NEA officers select and seal samples at the warehouses Stage 1 4. Contractor engaged by NEA collects and tests the samples² 5. NEA compares the VT results against test reports submitted by suppliers during If model's VT result is outside the allowable conformance limits, a second round of testing is carried out in Stage 2. 6. Suppliers test 2 further units of the model that failed Stage 1 VT. These costs are borne by the suppliers. The tests are conducted by third-party laboratories that are accredited, either by the SAC or the tests are conducted by unite party laborations body

http://www.nea.gov.sg/docs/defaultsource/energy-waste/energyefficiency/report-on-vt-results-(updated).pdf

Example: Australia





Video: What suppliers need to know

How the E3 Program affects suppliers of products regulated for energy efficiency in Australia.

If you cannot see the video try viewing it on <u>YouTube</u> or download a <u>transcript</u>.

https://youtu.be/IOZ6RCXz18Q?t=19





- S&L compliance frameworks are designed to:
- a) Encourage voluntary compliance, and

b) Deter non-compliance



Deterrence theory:

- There must be a credible likelihood of detecting violations
- Swift, certain, and appropriate sanctions upon detection
- A perception among the regulated firms that these detection and sanction elements are present
- 1. Make sure all stakeholders understand their obligations
- 2. Make it simple to demonstrate compliance
- 3. Increase the risk that instances of non-compliance will be discovered
- 4. Take corrective action quickly to minimise damage (to all)
- 5. Make penalties proportional to the extent of transgression but sufficient to be an effective deterrent
- 6. Ensure corrective action is visible to deter others

Which is the better deterrent?







In most regulated markets:

- 20% of the regulated population will automatically comply with any regulation
- 5% will attempt to evade it
- and the remaining 75% will comply as long as they think that the 5% will be caught and punished.







- Periodically monitor products within a sample of stores to check that:
 - All required products are correctly labelled,
 - All labels conform to requirements,
 - Fake labels are not being used
 - Products on the market are registered (where required)
- Market surveillance can be undertaken by:
 - Government staff, Consumer groups, Contractors
- Respond to any observed instances of non-compliance & publish results

Benefit

- Early detection of labelling errors can avoid more serious non-compliance
- Demonstrates to suppliers and retailers that government is being vigilant



- Testing is expensive!
- Needed, but only worth it if:
 - It is done to required level of accuracy
 - Is defensible
 - Is acted upon
- Since you can only test a small proportion on models on the market – how do you increase cost-effectiveness?
 - Test products most likely to be non-compliant
 - Co-ordinate or share testing with other countries
 - Ensure tests are enforcible

Test products most likely to be non-compliant

- Random selection represents an inefficient allocation of resources
 - End up testing high proportion of compliant products
- Identify 'risk factors' for products most likely to be non-compliant and have most impact, e.g.
- Models with high market share
- Models with least credible claims.
- At brand level:
 - Does the brand have a good record of compliance?
 - Here and/or in other economies?
- At a model level:
 - What is the quality of evidence for claims is the test lab known and credible?
 - Have competitors provided evidence of non-compliance?
 - Are the claims of performance excessively high unbelievable?





- Numerous options to minimize costs and increase effectiveness:
- Co-ordinate joint market surveillance with neighbouring economies
- Share results of market surveillance to better target future actions
- Use quality laboratories in neighbouring economies
- Commission tests in product country of origin



- Various EU-wide (EU funded) projects
- EEPLIANT
 - 13 Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) from EU
 - Organises coordinated MV&E activities, including product testing of LEDs, printers and heaters
 - Electronic database allows MSAs to share plans and results of market surveillance activities in confidence
 - Publication of Best Practice Guide
- Industrial and Tertiary Product Testing and Application of Standards (INTAS)



included (Come On Labels, 2013, 5)

4. Take corrective action quickly to minimise damage

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- Any delay in taking corrective actions means non-compliant products remaining in the market
 - More energy savings lost
 - Higher household expenditure
- Most non-compliance can be quickly resolved, with minor enforcement

Ensure internal procedures are clear Ensure staff responsibilities & decision making are clear

Ensure options for corrective actions are appropriate

5. Make penalties proportional to the extent of transgression



Programmes need a range of enforcement tools
To act appropriately to suspected transgressions and quickly to minimise damage



Costs & time



Severity

We operate in accordance with the Regulators' Code, which requires us to:

- support compliance and growth
- engage with those we regulate
- ➢ base our activity on risk
- share information
- offer clear guidance

We alwaysansparent roportionately, depending on the nature of the non-compliance.

We are approachable and do not take enforcement action just because a business asks us a question or tells us that they have a problem.

Education

- Informal Warning
- Enforcement Undertaking
- Compliance/Enforcement/ Stop Notice
- Formal Caution
- Fines
- Product Withdrawal/Seizure
- Court Action
- Publicity





Reporting testing results





register their product energy performance products when they internationally recog efficiency

were

VT results were compared against suppliers' test reports submitted during registration. The energy performance of 87% (40 out of 46) of the registered goods tested were found to be within the allowable conformance limits (refer to Table 3 of Annex B). By appliance category, the compliance rates were 95% for air-conditioners, 75% for refrigerators and 100% for clothes dryers.

efficiency under the		Air-conditioner	Refrigerator	Clothes Dryer
v v T is a t	No. of models tested	20	20	6
labelling scheme.	Stage 1 VT	19	15	6
4 In this firs	No. of models that failed Stage 1 VT	1	5	0
efficiency ratings were subject to	Table 2: Summary of Stage 1 VT results			



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Category: Con	npliance Date: 30/05/2016			alogen ELV Reflector
22/09/2015	Incandescent lamp	Osram	64543 A ECO 42W 240V B22D	2
22/09/2015	Incandescent lamp	Osram	64544 A FR ECO 53W E27	
11/09/2015	Self-ballasted compact fluorescent lamp	Olsent	3P414-ES-40K,	
17/08/2015	Self-ballasted compact fluorescent lamp	Envirolux	XEU48-15R80 E27 2700K	
13/08/2015	Self-ballasted compact fluorescent lamp	Envirolux	XEU48-15R80 E27 4000K	
30/07/2015	Self-ballasted compact fluorescent lamp	Olsent	FE-IISB-18W 2700K	
30/07/2015	Self-ballasted compact fluorescent lamp	Olsent	FE-AU-15W 2700K	
09/07/2015	Self-ballasted compact fluorescent lamp	E-Star	ESSP9W27E27 8w Mini Twist	warm white 6500K
26/06/2015	Self-ballasted compact fluorescent lamp	Arlec	FT24	
26/06/2015	Self-ballasted compact fluorescent lamp	Osram	Mini Twist 13W/827 E27	
11/06/2015	Self-ballasted compact fluorescent lamp	Philips	Ambiance A55 11W WW	
18/05/2015	Computer monitor	Philips	284E5Q	
05/01/2015	Double-capped fluorescent lamp	NEC	FL30SSEX-N-HG-36 : 30W T8 T 5000K	ri-Phosphor Natural

Example: Suspended products Hong Kong







	Post-market verification	Third-party certification
Entry conditions	Independent tests, in-house testing, calculation or self declaration	Third-party verification and/or certification
Government/Program me	\$	\$
Industry Participant	\$	\$
Consumers	\$	\$
	Total costs ≈ same	

Value of improving non-compliance

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Assumptions	
Fridge market p.a.	200,000
Av. Energy consumption (kWh/yr)	400
Non-compliance rate	15%
Extent of non- compliance	15%
Lifetime (yrs)	12
Cost of electricity (€/kWh)	0.2
Value of lost electricity savings after one year	€4.32 million
After ten years	€43 million

Outcomes	
Reducing non-compliance rate	e to 10%
Saving after one year	€1.44 million
Cost benefit ratio (€0.3m/yr)	1:4.8
After ten years	€14.4 million



• How would you spend \$300,000 on improving compliance?

What would I do?



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Dedicated compliance staff -Drafting enforcement policy -Drafting internal procedures -Testing selection criteria -Managing tests, reporting on results -Organising legislative change if necessary	110,000
Highlight compliance on website, promotion of enforcement policy	25,000
Labelling survey	25,000
Round-robin tests	60,000
Compliance tests	80,000
Total	\$300,000

Essential elements of compliance regimes

- Mechanism to facilitate compliance
- Market surveillance
- Verification testing
- Enforcement
- Communication, reporting, feedback
- Legal and administrative framework
- Budget and resource allocation
- Evaluation processes

S&L Program Establish Administration MV&E Budget and Design What nowers and authorities exist in current legislation (e.g. electrical safety, market urveillance, consumer protection)? What is the public & private technical capacity (e.g. independent test facilities FEEDBACK LOOP accreditation services, industry capacity)? Facilitate What entry conditions are compliance -Programme required?What in frastructure harmonised evaluation is needed - e.g. accreditation reporting, online ervices, registration processes? facilities How will entry conditions be Market monitored and checked? Surveillance Plan Publicise activities How will product performance Verification and results be verified? Testing Plan What are all the potential areas Enforcement Plan of non-compliance and how will these be enforced? Communicate Include in requirements Include in legislation or and MV&E Budget administrative processes to guidelines stakeholders



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https://clasp.ngo/publications/compliance-counts-a-practitioners-guidebook-on-best-practice-monitoring-verification-and-enforcement-for-appliance-standards-labeling-1





Energy Efficiency Compliant Products 2014

Work Package 2: Implementing Best Practices

Best Practice Guidelines for Coordinated and Effective Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Market Surveillance

Version 3, April 2017



http://www.eepliant.eu/index.php/knowledgebase/item/2017-05-16

- Range of activity: from advice to enforcement options
- For first and small infringements may be support Advice
- For larger serious breach, fines and legal proceedings.
- Example below large fine for significant breach of MEPS
- [Fines can include: lost energy savings, loss of carbon reductions, etc]





- If results are not repeatable and reproducible between labs enforcement not possible
- Significant variations mean that the costs of testing is wasted
- Do you know how the results of different labs compare?
- A program of inter-laboratory comparison and witness testing the only way to minimise variations





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