

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 392/2012 of 1 March 2012 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of household tumble driers (Text with EEA relevance)

Article 1

Subject matter and scope

1 This Regulation establishes requirements for the labelling of and the provision of supplementary product information on electric mains-operated and gas-fired household tumble driers and built-in household tumble driers, including those sold for non-household use.

2 This Regulation shall not apply to household combined washer-driers and household spin-extractors.

Article 2

Definitions

In addition to the definitions laid down in Article 2 of Directive 2010/30/EU, the following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this Regulation:

- (1) ‘household tumble drier’ means an appliance in which textiles are dried by tumbling in a rotating drum, through which heated air is passed and which is designed to be used principally for non-professional purposes;
- (2) ‘built-in household tumble drier’ means a household tumble drier intended to be installed in a cabinet, a prepared recess in a wall or a similar location, requiring furniture finishing;
- (3) ‘household combined washer-drier’ means a household washing machine which includes both a spin extraction function and also a means for drying the textiles, usually by heating and tumbling;
- (4) ‘household spin-extractor’, also known commercially as ‘spin-drier’, means an appliance in which water is removed from the textiles by centrifugal action in a rotating drum and drained through an automatic pump and which is designed to be used principally for non-professional purposes;
- (5) ‘air-vented tumble drier’ means a tumble drier that draws in fresh air, passes it over the textiles and vents the resulting moist air into the room or outside;
- (6) ‘condenser tumble drier’ means a tumble drier which includes a device (either using condensation or any other means) for removing moisture from the air used for the drying process;
- (7) ‘automatic tumble drier’ means a tumble drier which switches off the drying process when a certain moisture content of the load is detected, for example through conductivity or temperature sensing;
- (8) ‘non-automatic tumble drier’ means a tumble drier which switches off the drying process after a predefined period, usually controlled by a timer, but which may also be manually switched off;

- (9) ‘programme’ means a series of operations that are predefined and which are declared by the supplier as suitable for drying certain types of textile;
- (10) ‘cycle’ means a complete drying process, as defined for the selected programme;
- (11) ‘programme time’ means the time that elapses from the initiation of the programme until the completion of the programme, excluding any end-user programmed delay;
- (12) ‘rated capacity’ means the maximum mass in kilograms, indicated by the supplier in 0,5 kilogram increments of dry textiles of a particular type, which can be treated in a household tumble drier with the selected programme, when loaded in accordance with the supplier’s instructions;
- (13) ‘partial load’ means half of the rated capacity of a household tumble drier for a given programme;
- (14) ‘condensation efficiency’ means the ratio between the mass of moisture condensed by a condenser tumble drier and the mass of moisture removed from the load at the end of a cycle;
- (15) ‘off-mode’ means a condition where the household tumble drier is switched off using appliance controls or switches accessible to and intended for operation by the end-user during normal use to attain the lowest power consumption that may persist for an indefinite time while the household tumble drier is connected to a power source and used in accordance with the supplier’s instructions; where there is no control or switch accessible to the end-user, ‘off-mode’ means the condition reached after the household tumble drier reverts to a steady-state power consumption on its own;
- (16) ‘left-on mode’ means the lowest power consumption mode that may persist for an indefinite time after completion of the programme without any further intervention by the end-user besides unloading of the household tumble drier;
- (17) ‘equivalent household tumble drier’ means a model of household tumble drier placed on the market with the same rated capacity, technical and performance characteristics, energy consumption, condensation efficiency where relevant, standard cotton programme time and airborne acoustical noise emissions during drying as another model of household tumble drier placed on the market under a different commercial code number by the same supplier;
- (18) ‘end-user’ means a consumer buying or expected to buy a household tumble drier;
- (19) ‘point of sale’ means a location where household tumble driers are displayed or offered for sale, hire or hire-purchase.
- (20) ‘standard cotton programme’ means the cycle which dries cotton laundry with an initial moisture content of the load of 60 % up to a remaining moisture content of the load of 0 %.

Article 3

Responsibilities of suppliers

Suppliers shall ensure that:

- (a) each household tumble drier is supplied with a printed label in the format and containing the information set out in Annex I;

- (b) a product fiche, as set out in Annex II, is made available;
- (c) technical documentation as set out in Annex III is made available on request to the authorities of the Member States and to the Commission;
- (d) any advertisement for a specific model of household tumble drier contains the energy efficiency class, if the advertisement discloses energy-related or price information;
- (e) any technical promotional material concerning a specific model of household tumble drier which describes its specific technical parameters includes the energy efficiency class of that model.

Article 4

Responsibilities of dealers

Dealers shall ensure that:

- (a) each household tumble drier, at the point of sale, bears the label provided by suppliers in accordance with Article 3(a) on the outside of the front or top of the household tumble drier, in such a way as to be clearly visible;
- (b) household tumble driers offered for sale, hire or hire-purchase where the end-user cannot be expected to see the product displayed, as specified in Article 7 of Directive 2010/30/EU, are marketed with the information provided by suppliers in accordance with Annex IV to this Regulation;
- (c) any advertisement for a specific model of household tumble drier contains a reference to the energy efficiency class, if the advertisement discloses energy-related or price information;
- (d) any technical promotional material concerning a specific model of household tumble drier which describes its specific technical parameters includes a reference to the energy efficiency class of that model.

Article 5

Measurement methods

The information to be provided under Articles 3 and 4 shall be obtained by reliable, accurate and reproducible measurement procedures, which take into account the recognised state-of-the-art measurement methods.

Article 6

Verification procedure for market surveillance purposes

Member States shall apply the procedure set out in Annex V for assessing the conformity of the declared energy efficiency class, the energy consumption per cycle, the condensation efficiency class where applicable, the rated capacity, the power consumption in off-mode and left-on mode, the duration of the left-on mode, the programme time and airborne acoustical noise emissions.

Article 7

Revision

The Commission shall review this Regulation in the light of technological progress no later than five years after its entry into force. The review shall in particular assess the verification tolerances set out in Annex V.

Article 8

Repeal

Directive 95/13/EC shall be repealed from 29 May 2012.

Article 9

Transitional provisions

1 Article 3(d) and (e) and Article 4(b), (c) and (d) shall not apply to printed advertisements and printed technical promotional material published before 29 September 2012.

2 Household tumble driers placed on the market before 29 May 2012 shall comply with the provisions of Directive 95/13/EC.

3 Household tumble driers which comply with the provisions of this Regulation and which are placed on the market or offered for sale, hire or hire-purchase before 29 May 2012 shall be regarded as complying with the requirements of Directive 95/13/EC.

Article 10

Entry into force and application

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

2 It shall apply from 29 May 2012. However, Article 3(d) and (e) and Article 4(b), (c) and (d) shall apply from 29 September 2012.

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

Done at Brussels, 1 March 2012.

For the Commission

The President

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