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Green Choice Exemption Programme Specifications Guidelines

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Important Information:

Appliances must meet the specifications listed in this document in order to be eligible for the duty exemption. This list is not exhaustive. If you are purchasing an energy-efficient appliance (refrigerator, freezer, water heater or air conditioner) type that is not included in this guide, please contact the National Emissions Registry. Note: These specifications incorporate Energy Star ratings. This program runs from July 1st to June 30th annually.

Tips:

If you are purchasing an appliance from an online retail store, check the specifications section for energy efficiency information. You may also contact the retailer to confirm whether the appliance meets the listed criteria.

Refer to these guidelines to make sure the appliance meets the eligibility requirements .

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Residential Refrigerators:

Annual Energy Use (kWh/year)

Top freezer - 600 kWh / year and below

Bottom freezer - 800 kWh / year and below

Side by Side - 800 kWh / year and below

Compact cooler (Beverage, keg and wine coolers) - 160 kWh / year and below

Freezerless and single door - 400 kWh / year and below

Compact refrigerator (Mini fridge) - 500 kWh / year and below

Cooler - 200 kWh / year and below

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Commercial Refrigerators:

Daily Energy Use (kWh/day)

Vertical Solid Door Refrigerator - 4 kWh / day and below

Vertical Transparent Door Refrigerator - 9 kWh / day and below

Horizontal Solid Door Refrigerator - 2 Kwh / day and below

Chef Base Refrigerator - 3 kWh / day and below

Service Over Counters - 9 kWh / day and below

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Residential Freezers:

Annual Energy Use (kWh/year)

Chest Freezer - 400 kWh / year and below

Compact Freezer (mini freezer) - 400 kWh / year and below

Upright Freezer - 650 kWh / year and below

Commercial Freezers:

Daily Energy Use (kWh/day)

Vertical Solid Door Freezer - 15 kWh / day and below

Vertical Transparent Door Freezer - 35 kWh / day and below

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Commercial Walk-in Refrigerators:

Annual Walk-in Energy Factor (AWEF)

Dedicated condensing system - medium, indoor - 5.61 AWEF and higher

Dedicated condensing system - medium, outdoor - 7.60 AWEF and higher

Commercial Walk-in Freezers:

Annual Walk-in Energy Factor (AWEF)

Unit cooler, medium - 9.00 AWEF and higher

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Residential Water Heaters:

Uniform Energy Factor (UEF)

All types of Gas Water Heaters - 0.8 UEF or higher

Electric tank water heaters - 0.8 UEF or higher.

Tankless electric water heaters - 0.8 UEF or higher.

Electric Heat pump - 3.0 UEF or higher.

Commercial Water Heaters:

Electric Heat Pump - 3.0 Coefficient of Performance (COPh) or higher

Gas Storage - 0.90 Thermal Efficiency or higher

Gas Storage-Type Instantaneous - 0.90 Thermal Efficiency or higher

Gas Tankless - 0.90 Thermal Efficiency or higher

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Residential Air Conditioners:

Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER or SEER2)
Combined Energy Efficency Ratio (CEER)

Ductless/Mini Split Air Conditioning Systems
20 SEER or SEER2 or above

Window and through-the-wall air-conditioners
13 CEER or above

Central air conditioning units (ducted)
17 SEER or 16.2 SEER2 or above

Commercial Air Conditioners:

Very Small AC - 16 SEER or SEER 2 and above

Very Small HP - 15 SEER and above

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