

Amendment to Regulations for Internally Lighted Exit Signs

Regulations amending **Canada's Energy Efficiency Regulations** (the Regulations) have recently been approved under which dealers of internally lighted exit signs that are imported or shipped inter-provincially for sale or lease in Canada must comply with the minimum energy performance standard referenced in the Regulations.

COMPLIANCE

To enforce the **Energy Efficiency Regulations** (the Regulations), **NRCan** engages in a number of activities including:

- Border monitoring of import activity relating to shipments of regulated products;
- Monitoring dealers of regulated products to ensure compliance with their obligations under the Regulations such as:
 - i) ensuring that the products meet the minimum energy performance standard;
 - ii) ensuring that the products bear an energy efficiency verification mark;
 - iii) ensuring that an energy efficiency report is submitted to **NRCan** for all regulated product models available on the Canadian market before they are imported into Canada; and
 - iv) ensuring that required information is submitted to the **Canada Border Service Agency** (formerly **Canada Customs and Revenue Agency**) at the time of importation.
- Investigating tips and complaints from public on non-compliant products.
- Testing product for compliance.

Concerns have been expressed by dealers that post November 1, 2004 some shipments of non-compliant product manufactured after that date may continue to appear in the Canadian market. **NRCan** is prepared to increase its monitoring activities for the period for which the "manufactured after November 1, 2004" condition is in effect in order to ensure a level playing field for all dealers in compliant product.

Dealers who choose to import exit signs manufactured before November 1, 2004, will be required to demonstrate to **NRCan** that the product was manufactured prior to the effective date of the Regulations for the product.

Natural Resources Canada proposes to repeal the November 1, 2004 date in a future amendment, which will ensure that all exit signs, regardless of the date of manufacture, will be subject to the new Regulations.

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