

EU Member State Experts Comments on Draft 2 Version 5.0 ENERGY STAR Computer Specification

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General Issues

Setting Qualification Levels

Member States experts commented on the general principle of using the 25 % qualification level for all specification setting instead of also including a technological approach. E.g. it was mentioned that it may look strange to have a sleep value of 1.4 W instead of 1 W.

Label and registration

It was asked if products should be registered at either US EPA or the EC before a manufacturer can claim that the product complies with Energy Star or is labelled with Energy Star because this is not stated clearly in the partner commitment section of the specification. The US EPA has confirmed after the meeting that only product registered can be marketed as Energy Star products.

Reason for the question was that a MS had seen products declared as Energy Star compliant without being in the database.

Verification

Verification of the product in EU was raised. The verification is a responsibility of the EU Member States.

Computers

The Member States experts had the following comments:

- The experts were not in favour of using adders for the specification and preferred a simple category system corresponding to the current specification. If adders should be used, they should only be used for major functionalities such as provided by a discrete graphic card. Only adders that need to be active during the idle state should be included because the remainder should be powered down.
- It should be considered to remove the WOL adder.
- The experts were neither favour of the TEC approach compared to the modes approach, however, it could be accepted as long as the consumption data of the individual modes were published.
- The experts agreed that thin clients should be included in the specification and also that only the client side should be included. There might be a comment about the influence in the server side.

- Often it is a problem to maintain the Energy Star power management settings when companies use customised images for computer installation and it should be considered if this somehow could be covered by the specification.

It seems that the current draft does meet these comments.