



## **NRCAN: Are you meeting the required standards?**

NRCAN (Natural Resources Canada) is one of the PGAs (Participating Government Agencies) that collects data through SWI (Single Window Initiative) during the customs clearance process. NRCAN's Office of Energy Efficiency Program regulates the importation of energy using products such as household appliances and a variety of electrical machinery and equipment, many of which involve heating and cooling.

Some examples include washers and dryers, water heaters, ceiling fans, and lamps, among others. Why is this important?

The importer is responsible for making sure products meet the energy efficiency standards, any required labels are attached to the product, energy efficiency reports are filed with NRCAN prior to importation, and PGA information is included in the customs release at the time of importation. The Energy Efficiency Regulations have five requirements:

- regulated products must comply with minimum energy efficiency standards;
  - an energy efficiency report must be filed with NRCAN prior to first import;
  - all regulated products must bear an energy efficiency verification mark from a certification body accredited by the Standards Council of Canada;
  - necessary import information must be provided to the CBSA at the time of import;
  - some regulated products must bear labels indicating their energy performance.
- Regulated products do not need to be labelled as a condition of importation.

Importers should be aware of whether their products are regulated under the Office of Energy Efficiency program, ensure their responsibilities with NRCAN are fulfilled prior to

importation, and provide detailed product information to their customs broker when releasing shipments into Canada.

The Energy Efficiency regulations apply to dealers who import regulated products into Canada for sale or lease. PGA information required for this program includes:

- the brand name,
- model number,
- trade name, and intended end use of the product.

Generally, the regulations continue to apply even if the energy using product is incorporated into a larger unit or machine, even when that unit or machine is an unregulated product, with certain exceptions such as battery chargers and electric motors.

A full list of energy regulated products can be found on NRCAN's website.

<https://natural-resources.canada.ca/energy-efficiency/energy-efficiency-regulations/guide-canadas-energy-efficiency-regulations>