

Energy efficiency products: office and communication technology equipment, labelling programme Energy Star

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The Council concluded that the focus of the regulation should be limited to office equipment. Since the programme is voluntary, the regulation is unlikely to have a significant harmonising effect. Therefore the Council felt that the correct legal bases should not be Article 95, as proposed by the Commission, but rather Article 175.1 of the Treaty. The Council also clarified the role and procedures of the European Community Energy Star Board and the role of Member States representatives as well as procedures for the revision of technical criteria, where the high level at which technical specifications shall be set is underlined. The Council has adopted in full or in part, sometimes in spirit, the 14 amendments tabled by the Parliament.