



Capacity Building on Product Registration Systems

What is a Product Registration System?

A Product Registration System is a tool used to capture specific information on products to underpin policies or programs and to provide an initial compliance gateway for products to enter into the market. Product Registration Systems have a number of benefits, such as a reduced workload and costs for applicants and regulators, or an increased incentivization of more efficient products. Currently, a number of product registrations systems are already in use, for example in Australia, China, Europe, India and the United States.

U4E engagement on Product Registration Systems

With an initial focus on refrigerators and air conditioners, U4E aims to enable developing and emerging economies to:

- Monitor which products are sold in their markets to ensure compliance with national policies
- Foster an exchange of information and experiences so that the countries can learn from each other and pursue proactive policy revisions as their markets evolve
- Reduce barriers to trade and compliance complexity for importers and manufacturers

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Tools & Resources

Guidance notes

Four guidance notes inform about product registration systems and provide guidelines to countries in building their own system.

Prototype

Prototype product registration system serves as a best practice for countries or regions to utilize within their market.

Country Mapping

Mapping of existing product registration systems show the commonalities and differences between different existing systems.

Support Available

International technical assistance (in-country & remotely) provided to selected countries on developing or enhancing a national/regional product registration system on air conditioners and refrigerators.

Technical Assistance

Training for national and/or regional officials on developing and utilizing a product registration system within their market.

Capacity Building



The United for Efficiency (U4E) initiative is a global effort supporting developing countries and emerging economies to move their markets to energy-efficient appliances and equipment. Under the leadership of UN Environment, U4E brings together all key stakeholders active in the area of product efficiency.

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