



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Simon Watts	<b>Portfolio</b>	Energy
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### List of documents that have been proactively released

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September 2025	Energy Efficiency (Energy Using Products) Amendment Regulations 2025	Office of the Minister for Energy
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# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Energy Efficiency (Energy Using Products) Amendment Regulations 2025

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On 9 October 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** the Energy Efficiency (Energy Using Products) Amendment Regulations 2025 (the Regulations) give effect to policy decisions developed under the Trans-Tasman Equipment Energy Efficiency Programme;
- 2        **noted** that in May 2018, the previous government agreed to introduce and update Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS), Mandatory Energy Performance Labelling requirements and test methods across the following product classes: clothes washing machines, dishwashers, rotary clothes dryers, household refrigerators and freezers, three-phase cage induction motors and external power supplies, and incorporate minor technical and interpretive updates, as further detailed in Annex One under LEG-25-SUB-0197 [CAB-18-MIN-0246.01];
- 3        **noted** that in May 2019, the previous government agreed to revise the MEPS for air conditioners/heat pumps, as further detailed in Annex One under LEG-25-SUB-0197 [DEV-19-MIN-0131];
- 4        **noted** that the Regulations give effect to the decisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;
- 5        **noted** that section 36(2) of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act 2000 requires that, before making regulations, the Minister for Energy must notify the public of the proposal to make regulations, provide interested persons a reasonable time to make submissions, and consult with such persons as the Minister considers appropriate;
- 6        **noted** the advice of the Minister for Energy that the statutory prerequisites in paragraph 5 above have been met;
- 7        **noted** that the requirements for incorporating material by reference under the Legislation Act 2019 apply to certain standards incorporated by reference into the Energy Efficiency (Energy Using Products) Regulations 2002;
- 8        **noted** the advice of the Manager, Energy Use Policy, acting under delegated authority from the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, that the statutory prerequisite in paragraph 7 above has been met;
- 9        **authorised** the submission of the Energy Efficiency (Energy Using Products) Amendment Regulations 2025 [PCO 23246/11.0] to the Executive Council;

10     **noted** that the Regulations will come into force on 1 May 2026.

Tom Kelly  
Committee Secretary

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**Present:**

Hon David Seymour  
Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon Judith Collins KC (Chair)  
Hon Dr Shane Reti  
Hon Todd McClay  
Hon Simon Watts  
Hon Nicole McKee  
Hon Penny Simmonds  
Hon James Meager  
Stuart Smith, MP  
Todd Stephenson, MP  
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for LEG  
Office of the Leader of the House  
Office of the Attorney-General