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Energy Efficiency

EU and USA renew energy efficiency agreement

The **Energy Star label was originally developed by the US environmental protection agency and then adopted by the EU through an agreement (limited to office equipment)** negotiated in 2000.This first deal expires and of June 2006 and will be renewed by the new agreement which sets more stringent energy consumption criteria.

It is **intended that the best 25% of the market will meet those new criteria and get the label**. The proportion of models which comply with today's rules approaches nearly 100% in many product classes, making the label almost useless.
The new agreement should encourage producers to develop further energy savings.

The **Green's would have appreciated the "japanese approach" where only the best 10% of the products get the label, thus forcing the sector to more innovation.**

The Energy Star is widely used in the USA as standard for public procurement but has been less prominent in the EU until now.

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