



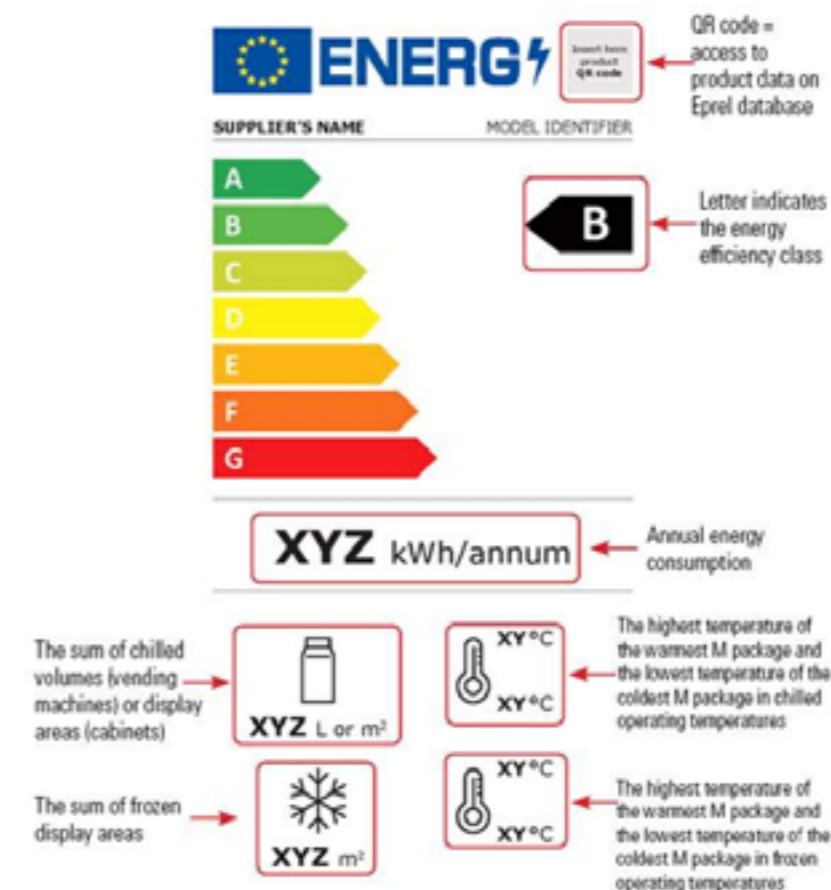
EPREL Electronic Seal Certificate

Complies with the requirements
of the European Commission

Introduction

The **EU Energy Label** for products is one of the best known and most successful energy policy tools. For its management, the **European Commission** created in 2017¹ the corresponding register, known as EPREL (**European Product Register on Energy Labelling**) for suppliers and manufacturers of products subject to the energy labelling regulation (**EU Regulation 2017/1369**), to register the entity, together with their products, in order to be able to sell in EU member states, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein (**EEA, European Economic Area**). As part of the Northern Ireland Protocol under the UK's withdrawal agreement from the EU, these rules continue to apply in Northern Ireland. Manufacturers established in other countries will need a supplier in one of the countries mentioned above to register their products before placing them on the **EU market**.

EPREL is the platform created for suppliers, manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives to register their products that require the **EU energy label**. Consumers can access EPREL by scanning the QR code on the energy label, where they will find publicly available information (such as energy efficiency, product dimensions, minimum warranty, annual consumption, among others). In addition, the **Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs)** of the **Member States** can access and consult technical information for their compliance monitoring functions. Even if you have not heard of EPREL, you have probably seen the energy labels on hundreds of products.



¹ by Regulation (EU) 2017/1369, established the obligation for Suppliers to register the energy-related products they trade, following energy efficiency labelling requirements.

What is EPREL?

EPREL (European Product Registration on Energy Labelling) represents the platform created by the **European Commission** that Suppliers must use to register their product models. This database includes publicly accessible information (Energy Label and Product Data Sheet) and technical information, accessible only to the **Market Surveillance Authorities** (MSAs) of the Member States for their compliance monitoring functions.

New requirements. How do they affect my organisation?

Qualified Certificates for Electronic Seal

If you are a supplier of products subject to energy labelling regulations you must be aware of the latest changes introduced by the Commission, which will require suppliers and manufacturers to verify their identity by means of a **Qualified Certificate for Electronic Seal**² for registration in EPREL. These measures are established with the purpose of improving the integrity, identity and reliability of the registered information.

EPREL will verify the following elements:

- 1 The **existence of the supplier**
- 2 That the supplier is established in the **EU/EEA or Northern Ireland**
- 3 The right of the person signing to **act on behalf of the supplier**

From the second half of March 2022, any supplier already operational in EPREL that wishes to have its products visible in the register must have verified its identity by means of a **qualified electronic certificate**. **Otherwise, their sales in the EEA will be blocked**. Any new supplier wishing to register with **EPREL** must verify its identity as a further step in the organisation's registration.

To successfully complete the verification process in the **EPREL system**, suppliers must submit a specific one-page declaration in PDF format. This document must be stamped by the supplier with **their own qualified certificate for electronic seal** before uploading it into the **EPREL system**.

This verification system is currently in the testing phase and is scheduled to activate in the production environment on the 21st of February. Get your **qualified certificate for electronic seal now**, so that you are ready for your identity verification as soon as possible to **keep your products fully visible in EPREL**.

Why should i use a qualified electronic seal in EPREL?

In order to successfully complete the verification process in the **EPREL system** (mandatory from March 2022), suppliers must submit a specific one-page declaration in PDF format. **This document already includes a European Commission e-stamp** and must be stamped by the supplier with its own qualified e-stamp certificate, before uploading it into the EPREL system.



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How can ANF AC help you?

ANF Autoridad de Certificación (ANF AC) is a **Qualified Trust Service Provider** (QTSP), included in the TSL of the **European Commission**, for the issuance of qualified certificates for Electronic Seal, compatible with the requirements for the verification of EPREL providers, in compliance with the eIDAS Regulation and ETSI EN 319 412.

Obtaining them is easy, simple and quick. We invite you to contact our Customer Service Department, to determine the optimal way for obtaining one your organization. In addition, **ANF AC** will advise you on the steps to be carried out in the verification process in **EPREL**.



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