

# SINGAPORE

## 1. GOALS FOR EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT

### 1.1. Overall Energy Efficiency Improvement Goals

In its Sustainable Singapore Blueprint (2009), Singapore has set a target of achieving a 35% energy intensity improvement by 2030. Energy intensity is defined as total energy consumed per dollar of GDP. This is a voluntary and unilaterally implemented goal, which would result in a reduction in Singapore's energy consumption from the business-as-usual level<sup>1</sup>.

### 1.2. Sectoral Energy Efficiency Improvement Goals

Singapore does not have sectoral energy efficiency improvement goals.

### 1.3. Action Plan for Promoting Energy Efficiency

#### a) Objectives

Due to Singapore's constraints as a small economy without the natural endowments to utilise renewable energy resources like wind and hydro power, energy efficiency is Singapore's key strategy to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. Energy efficiency also helps to improve Singapore's economic competitiveness, energy security, and environmental sustainability.

#### b) Applicable sectors

All sectors of the economy, namely power generation, industry, transport, buildings, and households<sup>2</sup>

#### c) Outlines

- Power generation

Singapore's competitive electricity and gas markets encourage investment in efficient power generation and fuel switching (overall power generation efficiency improved from 37% to 44% from 2000 to 2007)

Singapore is also promoting greater use of co-generation and tri-generation by integrating the deployment of these technologies into ongoing and future industrial planning.

- Industry

- The Energy Efficiency Improvement Assistance Scheme (EASe)

EASe provides up to 50% funding for companies to carry out detailed energy assessments of buildings and industrial facilities. It is administered by the National Environment Agency (NEA).

- Grant for Energy Efficient Technologies (GREET)

GREET provides up to 50% funding, capped at SGD2 000 000 per project, to encourage owners and operators of industrial facilities to invest in energy efficient equipment or technologies. It is administered by the NEA.

- The Investment Allowance (IA) Scheme

Administered by the Economic Development Board (EDB), the IA scheme encourages companies to invest in energy efficient equipment. The IA Scheme provides a capital allowance on qualifying equipment costs that allows a

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry of National Development (2009).

<sup>2</sup> Ministry of National Development (2009); Energy Market Authority (2007).

deduction against chargeable income. The IA can be awarded for capital expenditures that result in more efficient energy use.

- The Design for Efficiency (DfE) Scheme
 

The DfE Scheme provides up to 80% funding or SGD 600 000, whichever is lower, for large consumers of energy to conduct design workshops to design more energy efficient facilities. It is administered by the NEA.
- Accelerated Depreciation Allowance Scheme
 

The Accelerated Depreciation Allowance Scheme allows capital expenditure on qualifying energy efficiency or energy saving equipment to be written off in one year instead of three. It is administered by the NEA.
- Innovation for Environmental Sustainability (IES) Fund
 

The IES Fund provides seed funding for companies to undertake innovative environmental projects, including energy efficiency projects that could help to meet the government's goal of environmental sustainability. It is administered by the NEA.
- Transport
 

Promoting public transport through a series of measures, including investments in new MRT lines and upgrading of existing facilities, central bus planning, bus priority schemes, tightening quality of service standards, and enhancing commuter information.

  - Managing car ownership and usage by reducing vehicle growth rate through the Vehicle Quota System (VQS), refining the Electronic Road Pricing (ERP) system, improving Off-Peak Car and Park & Ride schemes, and further developing Intelligent Transport System (ITS) solutions
  - Green Vehicle Rebate to encourage the use of hybrid, CNG and electric vehicles
  - Implemented mandatory Fuel Economy Labelling Scheme Euro IV emissions standard for new diesel vehicles registered from 1 October 2006 Euro IV compliance is applicable to green buses, taxis and commercial vehicles
  - Test-bedding new technologies such as the Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF), diesel-hybrid buses, electric cars
  - Developing a Green Framework for rail systems
  - Encouraging cycling and walking with investments in infrastructure.
- Buildings
 

Since the introduction of the Ministry of National Development (MND) Research Fund for the Built Environment in December 2006, agencies such as the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) and the NEA have encouraged the development and construction of energy efficient buildings.

  - EASe for Buildings
 

EASe scheme is available to buildings owners and operators.
  - Energy Smart Label
 

The Energy Smart Building Labelling Programme, developed by the Energy Sustainability Unit (ESU) of the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the NEA, aims to promote energy efficiency and conservation in the buildings sector by according recognition to energy efficient office and hotel buildings, as well as retail malls. Buildings that are in the top 25 percentile in terms of energy efficiency of the total building cohort are awarded with a certificate and an

Energy Smart Label. In addition to its energy performance, the building's indoor environmental conditions such as air quality, thermal comfort, ventilation and lighting level are taken into consideration when evaluating a building for the award.

- **Building Control Regulations**

The BCA has established the Envelope Thermal Transfer Value (ETTV) standard and minimum efficiency requirements for commercial air conditioners and a maximum lighting power budget.
- **Green Mark Buildings**

The Green Mark scheme is a green building rating system launched by the BCA in 2005 to evaluate a building based on its environmental impact performance. From 2008, all new and existing buildings with gross floor area (GFA) above 2000 m<sup>2</sup> that are undergoing major retrofitting works must meet the Green Mark Certified standard.
- **Green Mark Incentive Scheme**

The Green Mark Incentive Scheme was launched in 2006 to encourage building developers to achieve higher Green Mark ratings. New and retrofitted buildings with a GFA above 5000 m<sup>2</sup> that have achieved ratings of Green Mark Gold and above will be awarded monetary incentives.
- **Public Sector taking the lead**

The public sector is taking the lead in moving toward environmental sustainability for its buildings. It aims to demonstrate the associated environmental and economic benefits and set an example for the private sector.
- **Households**
  - **Mandatory Energy Labelling Scheme**

All household refrigerators, air conditioners and clothes dryers that are sold in Singapore must be energy labelled<sup>3</sup>. Singapore is also evaluating the introduction of minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) for energy-intensive household appliances.

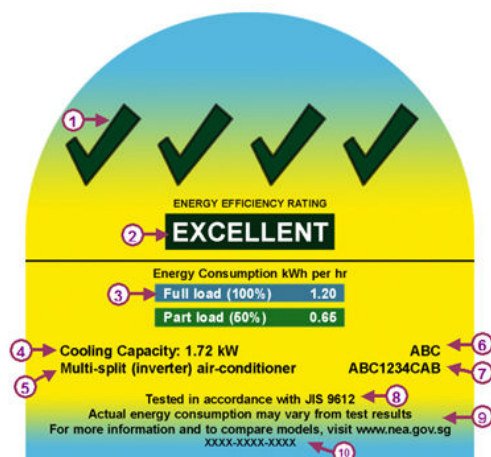
Singapore's Energy Label design and certain aspects of the Energy Labelling Scheme are presented below<sup>4</sup>:

'Registered suppliers supplying registrable goods must affix the Energy Label on the units that they supply in Singapore. The Energy Label shall be affixed only after the National Environment Agency (NEA) has issued the Certificate of Registration (COR) for the model. Retailers are only allowed to display models that have the label affixed on them.'

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<sup>3</sup> National Climate Change Committee (2009).

<sup>4</sup> National Environment Agency (2009).



Specifications

Dimensions: 9cm (width) x 9cm (height)  
 Arc: 9cm (diameter)  
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**Table 1. Features of the rating system**

Feature	Air conditioners	Refrigerators	Clothes Dryers
<b>1</b> Ticks	The number of Ticks shall conform to the Tick Rating system.		
<b>2</b> Energy Efficiency Rating	The model's relative energy efficiency rating is also expressed in words:		
	Green Ticks	Energy Efficiency Rating	
	0	Low	
	1	Fair	
	2	Good	
	3	Very Good	
	4	Excellent	
<b>3</b> Energy Consumption	Effective power input x 1h expressed in kWh per hour and rounded to two decimal places.  For inverter type air conditioners, the energy consumed at part-load cooling capacity shall also be displayed on the label.	Energy consumption over 24 hours x 365 days expressed in kWh.	Energy consumption per wash expressed in kWh and rounded to two decimal places.
<b>4</b> Capacity	Full-load cooling capacity expressed in kW and rounded to two decimal places.	Measured total storage volume expressed in litres (L) in whole digits.	Rated capacity expressed in kilograms ( Kilogram Kg) and rounded to one decimal places.
<b>5</b> Type	Type of air conditioners: (a) Casement (b) Window (c) Single Split (non-inverter / inverter) (d) Multi-split Sys (non-inverter/inverter)	Type of refrigerators: • Refrigerator • Refrigerator-freezer	Type of clothes dryers: (a) Air-vented (b) Condenser
<b>6</b> Brand Name	Brand of air conditioner	Brand of refrigerator	Brand of clothes dryer
<b>7</b> Model Number	The model number found on the air conditioner nameplate.  For multi-split type air conditioners, only the model number of the outdoor unit shall be displayed.	The model number found on the refrigerator's nameplate.	The model number found on the clothes dryer's nameplate .
<b>8</b> Test Standards	The test standard used as specified here (app.nea.gov.sg/cms/htdocs/article.asp?pid=2843#standards).		
<b>9</b> Disclaimer	The following disclaimer applies to all appliances: 'Actual energy consumption may vary from test results.'		
<b>10</b> Registration Number	A unique number found on the registered model's COR, which is issued by NEA upon successful registration of the model.		

- Reducing Standby Power Consumption  
NEA will step up efforts to inform and encourage households to completely switch off appliances that are not in use.
- Residential Envelope Transmittance Value (RETV) standard  
From 2008 onwards, residential buildings with GFA of 2000 m<sup>2</sup> must comply with BCA's Residential Envelope Transmittance Value (RETV) standard.
- Electricity Vending System (EVS)  
The Energy Market Authority (EMA) has developed a prototype EVS as a platform to allow small consumers such as households to choose their electricity retailers. The EVS allows for time-of-use pricing to encourage consumers to shift their load from the more expensive peak periods to the less expensive off-peak periods. The EVS also allows for demand response features whereby consumers can monitor their "live" electricity consumption. The availability of such information empowers consumers to make conscious decisions to track and potentially reduce their electricity usage.

**d) Financial resources and budget allocation**

- The Sustainable Energy Fund—SGD 50 million
- The EASe scheme—SGD 10 million
- The Green Mark Incentive Scheme—SGD 20 million.

Other funding in relation to R&D is stated in point 1.6.

**e) Method for monitoring and measuring the effect of the measures**

Programs have inherent methods for monitoring and measuring the effect of measures; other methods include monitoring through surveys.

**f) Expected results**

Information not available

**g) Future task**

Extend implementation of energy policy measures and programs

**1.4. Institutional Structure**

Energy efficiency matters in Singapore are lead by the Energy Efficiency Programme Office (E<sup>2</sup>PO), formed in 2007. The E<sup>2</sup>PO is a multi-agency committee led by the National Environmental Agency (NEA) and the Energy Market Authority (EMA). E<sup>2</sup>PO is comprised of: the EMA—for Power Generation; EDB—for Industry; LT—for Transport; NEA—for Households; HDB—for Households; BCA—for Buildings; Infocomm Authority of Singapore (IDA)—for Infocomm; and A\*STAR—for R&D.

As a statutory board under the MEWR, NEA is the key agency for climate change and energy efficiency. The EMA has expanded its traditional role as a regulator for electricity and gas markets to take on a bigger role as an energy planner, promoter and developer on an economy-wide basis. In addition, the Economic Development Board (EDB) spearheads the development of energy in industry under its Clean Energy Programme Office. In addition the Energy Studies Institute (ESI) has been set up at the National University of Singapore (NUS) to promote and develop policy-oriented research in economics and environmental and international relations aspects of energy, as well as contribute to energy dialogue and collaboration within the region.

**a) Name of organisation**

Energy Efficiency Programme Office

**b) Status of organisation**

Multi-Agency Committee

**c) Role and responsibility**

- Promoting adoption of energy efficient technologies and measures by addressing the market barriers to energy efficiency
- Building capacity to drive and sustain energy efficiency efforts and to develop the local knowledge base and expertise
- Raising awareness to reach out to the public and businesses as to simulate energy efficient behaviour and practices
- Supporting research and development to enhance Singapore's capability in energy efficient technologies.

**d) Covered sectors**

Power generation, industry, transport, buildings, information/communications, and households

**e) Established date**

2007

**f) Number of staff members**

Information not available

**1.5. Information Dissemination, Awareness-raising and Capacity-building****a) Information collection and dissemination programme**

Regarding the E<sup>2</sup>PO, ministries and agencies collect information concerning the development of energy programs; relevant agencies disseminate information about programs.

**b) Awareness-raising program, (e.g., consumer campaign)**

A public campaign—10% Energy Challenge—was launched in April 2008 and aims to educate households on ways they can reduce energy consumption at home.

**c) Capacity-building (human resource development) programme (training)**

- Singapore Certified Energy Manager (SCEM) Programme  
The Singapore Certified Energy Manager (SCEM) Programme, developed by the Energy Sustainability Unit of the National University of Singapore (NUS) under the sponsorship of the Economic Development Board's Locally-based Enterprise Advancement Program (LEAP), offers a formal training and certification system in the area of energy management. In support of the SCEM programme is the SCEM Training Grant, a co-funding scheme administered by NEA to develop local expertise and capability in professional energy management. The scheme is targeted at engineers who manage manufacturing facilities and buildings and provide energy services or engineering consulting services.
- ESCO Accreditation Scheme  
The NUS ESU administers an Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) Accreditation Scheme. The objective is to enhance the professionalism and quality of energy services offered.
- Seminars and conferences

In addition to the formal training provided under the SCEM programme, the E<sup>2</sup>PO organises numerous seminars and conferences to bring together stakeholders and

experts in the field of energy efficiency to share knowledge and expertise in effective energy management.

### 1.6. Research and Development in Energy Efficiency and Conservation

Ministry of National Development (MND) Research Fund for the Built Environment to encourage and support applied R&D, including that for energy efficiency.

Innovation for Environmental Sustainability (IES) projects include:

- Seed funding for industry-led projects, including energy efficiency projects that could contribute to the long-term environmental sustainability of Singapore; responsible agency: NEA; financial resources: SGD 20 million
- R&D, including that for energy efficiency that will raise the quality of life and make Singapore a distinctive global city; responsible agency: BCA; financial resources: SGD 50 million
- Basic and applied research projects which pursue innovative and novel ideas in the Clean Energy Space, including energy efficiency; responsible agency: EDB; financial resources: SGD 50 million
- Technical trials on new sustainable transport initiatives, including the setup of vehicle emission test laboratory, diesel particulate filter, diesel-hybrid bus, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure; responsible agency: LTA; financial resources: SGD 17 million.

The Singapore Initiative in New Energy Technologies (SINERGY) Centre set up by the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR) conducts research, development and demonstration of new and innovative energy technologies, and supports the development of these technologies from research to successful introduction in the marketplace.

The Energy Research Institute (ERI@N) recently set up at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) will act as a think tank for scientists to assemble and exchange ideas across scientific disciplines. Up to six research centres will be set up under the institute, including the Centre for Sustainable Energy Research, which focuses on the study of fuel cells and wind and tidal energy, as well as energy efficiency and smart buildings.

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## 2. MEASURES FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

### 2.1. Government Laws, Decrees, Acts

Energy efficiency is governed through a number of regulatory measures (see section 2.2).

### 2.2. Regulatory Measures

EPMA:

- Environmental Protection and Management Act (EMPA)
- Mandatory energy labelling of household air conditioners and refrigerators in January 2008 (see section 1.3 for details)
- Mandatory fuel economy labelling for passenger and light goods vehicles in April 2009 (see section 1.3 for details)
- Mandatory energy labelling of household clothes dryers in April 2009.

LTA:

- Vehicle Quota System (VQS) (see section 1.3 for details)
- Off-Peak Car scheme
- Electronic Road Pricing (ERP).

BCA:

- Building Control Act (BCA)
- Building control regulations for environmental sustainability in April 2008.

### 2.3. Voluntary Measures

These include Green Mark Building, public sector energy audits, and other measures (see section 1.3 for details).

### 2.4. Financial Measures Taken by the Government

#### 2.4.1. Tax Scheme

Investment Allowance (IA) Scheme and Accelerated Depreciation Allowance Scheme (see section 1.3 for details)

#### 2.4.2. Low-Interest Loans

Information not available

#### 2.4.3. Subsidies and Budgetary Measures

Energy Efficiency Improvement Assistance Scheme (EASe); Grant for Energy Efficient Technologies; Design for Efficiency (DFE) Scheme; Green Vehicle Rebate; Innovation for Environmental Sustainability (IES) Fund; and Green Vehicle Rebate (see section 1.3 for details)

### 2.5. Energy Pricing

As energy prices in Singapore are not subsidised, energy users must pay the true cost of energy and so have better incentives to be energy efficient.

### 2.6. Other Efforts for Energy Efficiency Improvements

#### 2.6.1. Cooperation with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

- Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore (SEAS) for the Singapore Certified Energy Manager Programme
- Singapore Environmental Council (SEC) for the 10% Energy Challenge
- NEA is a member of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP).

#### 2.6.2. Cooperation through Bilateral, Regional and Multilateral Schemes

Cooperation through the energy efficiency sub-sector in regional forums, such as ASEAN, APEC and EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force

#### 2.6.3. Other Cooperation/Efforts for Energy Efficiency Improvements

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