

## UPDATE: Implementation of new regulations in Australia

Product	Start date	Label	Grandfathering
Double duct portable air conditioners	1 October 2017 (estimated) for lower MEPS 1 April 2019 for Zoned Label/SEER rating	From 1 October 2017 (estimated), may apply either the existing Energy Rating Label or the Zoned Label. From 1 April 2019, the Zoned Label must be applied for <u>new</u> registrations.	No, but the transitional arrangements would allow products <u>registered prior to 1 April 2019</u> to continue to be sold for the remainder of their registration period, including continued use of the existing label.
Other air conditioners already in scope – Zoned Label/SEER rating	1 April 2019 for products that need to be registered or re-registered	Products <u>registered prior to 1 April 2019</u> may continue to use the existing label for the duration of their registration.	
Single duct portable air conditioners	1 April 2019	Zoned Label mandatory from 1 April 2019 (voluntary from 1 October 2017 - estimated)	Products newly in scope that have been manufactured in or imported into Australia/New Zealand prior to the relevant start date and are unable to meet the new requirements (i.e. fail to meet the new MEPS) would be grandfathered. These products may be offered for sale until sold out. Products able to comply with the new requirements (i.e. can meet the new MEPS) must be registered before they can be offered for sale. The Zoned Label will not be required for single duct products manufactured in or imported into Australia prior to 1 April 2019.
Air conditioners >65kW	1 October 2020	Not applicable	



Example one: An air conditioner model is already in scope and will be registered on 1 July 2017, expiring on 30 June 2022. The model may continue to be manufactured in or imported into Australia and offered for sale for the remainder of its registration, including continued use of the existing label.

The registration may be varied (with a \$250 update fee) to include the additional test information for a SEER rating and Zoned Label. Note that, if the registration is varied, all products covered by the registration would be required to comply with the new GEMS Determination, which includes display of the Zoned Label for units already available in shops.

Example two: An air conditioner model is already in scope and was registered on 1 July 2013, expiring on 30 June 2018. The model may be re-registered to the new GEMS Determination and voluntarily apply the Zoned Label/SEER rating.

Alternatively, the model may be re-registered to the current GEMS Determination between 1 July 2018 and 31 March 2019. It could then continue to be manufactured or imported into Australia and offered for sale using the existing label until the registration expires. Suppliers may also choose to vary the model's registration to comply with the new GEMS Determination, noting that all stock would be required to carry the Zoned Label.

Example three: A double duct air conditioner model is currently in scope, but cannot meet existing MEPS. From 1 October 2017 (estimated) the model may be registered to the new GEMS Determination, provided it meets the new MEPS of 2.5. It can use either the existing label or register to the new requirements and use the SEER rating and Zoned Label.

If the model is registered to the current labelling requirements, it may continue to be manufactured in or imported into Australia and use the existing label when offered for sale until the registration expires. Suppliers may also choose to vary the model's registration to the new GEMS Determination, noting that all stock would be required to carry the Zoned Label.

Example four: An unregulated, single duct portable air conditioner model will come into scope on 1 April 2019. The model can meet the new MEPS requirements. From 1 April 2019, if the model continues to be offered for sale, it must be registered. The Zoned Label will not be required for products manufactured or imported into Australia prior to 1 April 2019.

Example five: A 70 kw air conditioner model comes into scope for the first time on 1 October 2020. The model cannot meet the new MEPS requirements. If the product was manufactured in or imported into Australia prior to 1 October 2020, it may continue to be offered for sale until sold out (grandfathered). The model cannot be manufactured or imported into Australia from 1 October 2020.