

# Regulatory Update

## Vietnam – Energy Efficiency Circular 36/2016/TT-BCT issued to replace current Circular 07/2012/TT-BCT

On December 28, 2016, the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT) in Vietnam issued new Circular 36/2016/TT-BCT to replace the current 07/2012/TT-BCT dated April 4, 2012 in respect of regulations on Energy Efficiency (EE), and it will take effect on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Main changes between Circular 36/2016/TT-BCT and Circular 07/2012/TT-BCT are indicated in the table below:

<b>Circular 36/2016/TT-BCT</b>		<b>Circular 07/2012/TT-BCT</b>
EE certificate could be obtained before import start	vs	EE certificate can only be applied after each import batch arrives in Vietnam
EE test reports issued by either accredited local labs or foreign labs with ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation recognized by ILAC or APLAC accepted	vs	Only the EE test reports issued within 6 months from the testing date by accredited local labs can be accepted.
EE test reports and EE certificate issued for the model can be used for all import batches of the model	vs	EE test reports and EE certificate must be obtained for each import batch

PCS will be able to support customers in obtaining EE certification under new Circular 36/2016/TT-BCT after 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Before that, all requirements and process still remain unchanged as per current Circular 07/2012/TT-BCT.

The list of products requiring EE certificate can be found in attached annex.

Documentation required for EE certification are as follows:

- 1) EE test reports
- 2) Technical specification
- 3) Drafted energy label of the local importer to be pasted on the product
- 4) Notarized copy of the business license of the local importer
- 5) Application form to be signed by the local importer

Lead-time for obtaining EE certificate is around 10 working days from submission of the application (not including local testing time if required). Timescale for local testing varies from products and local labs.

EE certificates issued under new Circular 36/2016/TT-BCT do not expire.

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**Annex**

**LIST OF PRODUCTS REQUIRED FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY CERTIFICATION**

No.	Products
1	Compact fluorescent lamp
2	Straight tube fluorescent lamp
3	Ballast for fluorescent lamp
a	Electromagnetic ballast
b	Electronic ballast
4	Electric fans
5	Washing machines
6	Electric rice cookers
7	Air conditioners
8	Refrigerators – freezers
9	Distribution transformer
10	Public lighting device
11	Solar water heater
12	TVs
13	Computer monitors
14	Printer
15	Photocopier
16	Electric motors