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New System for building labelling

The National System for Energy and Indoor Air Quality Certification of Building (SCE) came into force on 1 July.

The SCE aims to achieve two primary objectives: save energy and protect the environment.

ADENE, the Portuguese Energy Agency, is the managing for this process which is being supervised by the Directorate-General of Energy and Geology and de Portuguese Environment Agency.

The timetable to implement the SCE in various types of buildings is divided into phases until its full implementation in January 2009 at which time all contracted buildings will be included: new houses, sales and leases.

In this first one the legislation only covers new buildings designed for housing or services with a floor area measuring more than 1,000 m² and whose licensing or construction permit applications are submitted.

Afterwards, includes all licensing applications for buildings, regardless of their floor area, and comes into forces on 1st July 2008.

The Energy Certificate is the most visible aspect of the SCE, this document will assign an energy performance label to residential and service buildings and measures for improving the energy performance of these properties, increasing energy savings by 20 to 40 per cent and reducing subsequent CO₂ emissions.

Energy Efficiency Action Plan

The Portuguese Energy Efficiency Action Plan currently under final revision will be presented to public discussion on this quarter and submitted, until the end of this year, to the European Commission.

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