

# ENERGY STAR



**Energy Star** is an international standard for energy efficient consumer products originated in the United States. It was created in 1992 by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy. Since then, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Taiwan, and the European Union have adopted the program. Devices carrying the Energy Star service mark, such as computer products and peripherals, kitchen appliances, buildings and other products, generally use 20-30% less energy than required by federal standards.

**EUROPEAN UNION ENERGY LABEL** - This label is seen mostly on imported appliances that are also sold in Europe. One important difference makes the EU label more helpful in finding the most energy-efficient appliances. The EU has added higher grades as appliances have become more efficient, all the way up to A+++. The EU label may include extra information – depending upon the appliance – such as water consumption or noise levels measured in decibels (dB).

