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EU measures reduce consumers' energy consumption in 2015

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New Year comes bearing benefits for consumers. As of January 1st, consumers surfing the web for their home appliances and electronics will be able to better compare the energy efficiency of these products. Following existing obligations for sales in shops, the well-known energy label will need to accompany products bought online.

Consumers will also benefit from energy savings of their coffee machines. After left unused for certain time, new coffee machines will need to switch in standby or off mode, cutting unnecessary costs from consumers' energy bills. According to European Commission figures, consumers using a drip filter machine could save about €45 over the lifetime of the product.

Televisions, printers and other devices capable of connecting to a network will need to be able to switch to standby or off mode hence stop crunching consumer bills at moments that they are not delivering them a service. The new rules could save consumers up to €40 per household per year.

Stephen Russell, Secretary General of ANEC, the European consumer voice in standardisation, said:

"With growing concerns over security of energy supply, such measures will save scarce natural resources as well as saving consumers money. We can only applaud these new requirements that will arrive with the New Year."

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