Introduction of new energy label with QR code for appliances in China

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To follow the fast development of online shopping platform and the barcode technology and the launch of “Top Runner Programme”, the new <Management Measure of Energy Label> will be implemented from June 1st 2016, which will replace the old version of 2005. The highlights of the new measure are as following.

1. Besides NDRC and the Certification and Accreditation Administration of China (CNCA), AQSIS is added to the organizations that organize and implement the new measure. CNIS is officially designated as the responsible organization for energy label filing work.

2. Energy using products included by energy label programme sold on line should have an energy label on the homepage of the product. The online third-party trading platform should establish an inspection and supervision system to stop the abuse of the energy label.

3. The new measure revises the energy label style: besides the information covered by the old label, the new label adds a barcode and if the product is selected by “Top Runner Programme” there will be top runner sign on the new label. Up to now, the top runner programme has covered 3 kinds of household appliances of refrigerator, VS air conditioner and TVs, more than 100 models are included.

Old energy label

New energy label sample
4. The new measures regulate the testing organization that should take the responsibility of the test result. The test results from the lab will not be accepted in one year if fake test reports are found.

5. For some special situations, there can be no labels on the products. For example: the products used in an embassy, the products from international aid or products used for test, etc.

6. The specification of the energy label filing work should be finished in 10 days, and it is CNIS’s responsibility of keeping business secret.

7. A national energy label credit exchange platform will be established to reveal illegal violations, but there is no detailed plan yet.