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and  
United States of America**

**Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America on the coordination of energy-efficient labelling programs for office equipment (with annexes). Washington, 19 December 2000**

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**Communauté européenne  
et  
États-Unis d'Amérique**

**Accord entre le Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique et la Communauté européenne concernant la coordination des programmes d'étiquetage relatifs à l'efficacité énergétique des équipements de bureau (avec annexes). Washington, 19 décembre 2000**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON THE  
COORDINATION OF ENERGY-EFFICIENT LABELLING PROGRAMS  
FOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT

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For technical reasons, the authentic English text as submitted by the Registering Party could not be included in this volume. Instead, the text made available by the second Party to the Agreement is published herewith

The Government of the United States of America and the European Community, hereinafter “the Parties,” desiring to maximize energy savings and environmental benefits by stimulating the supply of and demand for energy-efficient products, have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### General Principles

1. A common set of energy-efficiency specifications and a common logo shall be used by the Parties for the purpose of establishing consistent targets for manufacturers, thereby maximizing the effect of their individual efforts on the supply of and demand for such product types.
2. The Parties shall use the Common Logo for the purpose of identifying qualified energy-efficient product types listed in Annex C.
3. The Parties shall ensure that common specifications encourage continuing improvement in efficiency, taking into account the most advanced technical practices on the market.
4. The Parties shall ensure that consumers have the opportunity to identify efficient products by finding the label in the market.

ARTICLE II

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) “ENERGY STAR” means the U.S.-registered service mark designated in Annex A and owned by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“U.S. EPA”);
- (b) “Common Logo” means the U.S.-registered certification mark designated in Annex A and owned by U.S. EPA;
- (c) “ENERGY STAR Marks” means the “ENERGY STAR” name and the Common Logo, as well as any versions of these marks that may be developed or modified by the Management Entities or Program Participants, as herein defined, including the sign or marking contained in Annex A, which will be adopted by the European Community to implement the terms of this Agreement;
- (d) “ENERGY STAR Labelling Program” means a program administered by a Management Entity using common energy-efficiency specifications, marks, and guidelines to be applied to designated product types;
- (e) “Program Participants” means manufacturers, vendors, or resale agents that sell designated energy-efficient products that meet the specifications of and who have chosen to participate in the ENERGY STAR Labelling Program by registering or entering an agreement with the Management Entity of either Party;

- (f) “Specifications” are the energy-efficiency and performance requirements, including testing methods listed in Annex C, used by Management Entities and Program Participants to determine qualification of energy-efficient products for the Common Logo.

### ARTICLE III

#### Management Entities

Each Party hereby designates a management entity responsible for implementation of this Agreement (the “Management Entities”). The European Community designates the Commission of the European Communities (“Commission”) as its Management Entity. The Government of the United States of America designates the U.S. EPA as its Management Entity.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Administration of the ENERGY STAR Labelling Program

1. Each Management Entity shall administer the ENERGY STAR Labelling Program for the energy-efficient product types listed in Annex C, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Program administration includes registering Program Participants on a voluntary basis, maintaining Program Participant and compliant product lists, and enforcing the terms of the logo use guidelines set forth in Annex B.
2. The ENERGY STAR Labelling Program shall use the Specifications listed in Annex C.