



Ecolabel – EC's 'green' award

Whether buying a washing machine, a light bulb or a pair of shoes, customers will soon be able to buy goods carrying an EC ecolabel. The ecolabelling scheme has been set up to promote the manufacture and use of products that least harm the environment

Soap dispenser

Washing machines and dishwashers were the first products to be assessed

The 'green' washing machines

- 1: Save water by recycling e.g. 'jetspray'-type systems circulate and sprinkle water over clothes instead of soaking them in drum
- 2: Use less detergent by reducing wastage to around one per cent
- 3: Use less energy

Awarding Ecolabels

Manufacturer or importer applies to Ecolabelling Board

Board in country of application assesses product

Test results sent to EC Commission for approval

If no objections after 30 days contract awarded by Ecolabelling board

