

**Protocol on the manufacturer's pro-active participation to the ATLETE II Project  
(Appliance Testing for Washing Machines Energy Label and Eco-Design Evaluation)**

The undersigned, .....  
(name of the company), with registered offices at .....  
..... (address of the company's registered offices),

having regard to the ATLETE II Project (Appliance Testing for Washing Machine Energy Label and Eco-Design Evaluation) promoted by the EU Programme Intelligent Energy Europe and led by the *Istituto di Studi per l'Integrazione dei Sistemi* (ISIS) (the "ATLETE II Project Leader"), whose main goal is to increase European-wide implementation and control of energy labelling and eco-design requirements under the Energy Labelling Framework Directive 2010/30/EC and the Eco-design Framework Directive 2009/125/EC (the "Regulatory Framework");

having regard to the experience of ATLETE project and recommendation from the Commission and Project Partners to propose the "Protocol on the manufacturer's pro-active participation" also in the ATLETE II Project;

having regard to the *draft Guidelines for the verification of washing machine compliance to energy labelling and ecodesign requirements* (the "Guidelines"), which provide for a procedure for appliance testing to verify the correctness of the manufacturers' energy labelling/eco-design declarations;

therefore self-undertakes, in case the energy labelling/eco-design parameters of one of his appliance models would be found to exceed the verification tolerance after the first or second Step of the verification procedure, and without prejudice to his ability to challenge the factual findings made in the testing procedure, before its result is made available, to:

1. take within 30 (calendar) days after being informed by ATLETE II Project Leader of the results of the testing all the remedy actions necessary to correct the energy labelling declarations of the appliance model/s concerned in accordance with the results of the testing procedure, alternatively modify the product to make it comply with its energy label declaration; and
2. take within 30 (calendar) days after being informed by ATLETE II Project Leader of the results of the testing all the remedy actions necessary to fulfil the eco-design requirements for the appliance model/s concerned; and
3. inform within the same timeframe the ATLETE II Project Leader of the remedy actions taken to correct the energy labelling/eco-design declarations or parameters, and provide the ATLETE II Project Leader with the appropriate evidence of conformity and remedy actions taken, such as a copy of a letter sent to the trade, with a proof of the sending thereof, and a copy of brochures or leaflets marketing or advertising the concerned appliance model/s with the correct energy labelling/eco-design declarations, without disclosing any information which would be confidential.

Executed in ..... on ..... (place and date of signature)

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.....  
(name and function of the company's representative)

*This document must be signed by a duly authorised representative of the company and returned to the ATLETE II  
Project Leader*