

GSA, Energy Commission Sensitises Importers and Manufacturers of AC and Refrigerators



Group photograph of staff of GSA and AC & Refrigerator stakeholders

The Ghana Standards Authority (GSA), in collaboration with the Energy Commission (EC), on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, held a sensitisation programme for importers and manufacturers of air conditioners and refrigerators in the country.

The main aim of the programme was to educate the stakeholders on the energy efficiency Standards and inform them about enforcement activities to be carried out later this year.

Ing. Francis Akpaloo, Head of the AC and Refrigerator Test Laboratory, who took the stakeholders through the requirements of the Standard, encouraged them to purchase the Standard before they go in for the product from the country of origin to save them time and money.

“Usually, you the importers are not aware of the Standard and therefore the manufacturers design anything for you and they don’t meet the standards.

“Please, purchase the Standard so that you will know the requirements before you import the appliances. It will save you money and time,” he said.

Mr. Hubert Zan, Assistant Manager Energy Efficiency Inspection and Enforcement at the EC, informed

the stakeholders of the impending enforcement activity and encouraged them to regularise their operations with the GSA and the EC so that they will not fall foul of the law.

Mr. Prentice Macmillan, the Team Lead for the Import Inspection Scheme at the GSA, also educated the participants on the Authority’s import certification scheme.

The stakeholders were grateful to the organisers for the education and appealed

for more collaboration and sensitisation programmes to enable them to be abreast with the requirements.

They appealed to the GSA to extend the programme to other parts of the country so that all manufacturers and importers will be on the same page in order to bring sanity into the AC and refrigerator market in Ghana.

There was a tour of the AC and Refrigerator Test Lab to give the stakeholders a first-hand look at how the lab operates.



Ing. Akpaloo making a presentation



Mr. Hubert Zan (EC) explaining a point



Ing. Vincent Arthur seated on the high table with Mr. Zan

