
NATIONAL STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF IRELAND (CARBON FOOTPRINT LABELLING) BILL 2020

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Bill

entitled

An Act to confer functions on the National Standards Authority of Ireland in relation to promoting the use of standard specifications and standard marks to give information about the carbon footprint of commodities, process and practices.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Amendment of National Standards Authority of Ireland Act 1996: carbon footprint specifications

1. The National Standards Authority of Ireland Act 1996 is amended –

(a) in section 3 (1) by the insertion of the following definition:

“‘carbon footprint specification’, in relation to a commodity, means a description of the commodity by reference to the quantity of greenhouse gas emitted in –

- (a) the process of manufacturing the commodity, including the extraction of raw materials,
- (b) shipping the commodity to the point of sale or delivery to the purchaser,
- (c) the normal use of the commodity as intended by its manufacturer, and
- (d) the end-of-life disposal of the commodity.”, and

(b) by the insertion of the following after section 7:

“Carbon footprint specifications

7A. The Authority and the Minister shall, in performing their functions under this Act, have regard to the need –

- (a) to formulate and promote the use of carbon footprint specifications, in order to –
 - (i) inform the general public,
 - (ii) reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and

- (iii) encourage environmental sustainability,
- (b) to declare carbon footprint specifications so formulated to be Irish Standard Specifications, and
- (c) to determine, licence and supervise the use of standard marks in connection with commodities, processes and practices, in order to indicate conformity with carbon footprint specifications.”.

Short title, collective citation and construction and commencement

2. (1) This Act may be cited as the National Standards Authority of Ireland (Carbon Footprint Labelling) Act 2020.
- (2) This Act and the National Standards Authority of Ireland Acts 1996 and 1998 may be cited together as the National Standards Authority of Ireland Acts 1996 to 2020 and shall be construed together as one Act.
- (3) This Act comes into operation on such day or days as may be fixed by the Minister by order, either generally or with reference to a particular purpose or provision, and different days may be so fixed for different purposes and different provisions.