

Procurer's Note: Water Using Products

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Water using products

The Water White Paper 2011 and the Water Act 2014 set out the case for managing water more efficiently to meet the demands of a growing population and climate change. The Government is committed to reducing water consumption on its estate and buying more water efficient products will help to meet this commitment

Government Buying Standards (GBS) exist for a number of product categories for water using products. All central government departments and their related organisations must ensure that they meet at least the mandatory levels set out in the GBS.

The Enhanced Capital Allowance Scheme (Water Technology List)

The Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA) scheme for Water offers a 100 per cent first-year allowance for investments in listed water efficient plant and machinery. It lets businesses write off 100 per cent of the cost of qualifying plant and machinery against taxable profits in the year of purchase. This can bring significant financial savings and reduce your business' impact on the environment. The purpose of the scheme is to improve the water efficiency of UK businesses.

The ECA water scheme is managed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and HM Revenue and Customs. The ECA water scheme includes a variety of technologies – such as water efficient taps, toilets, monitoring equipment and industrial cleaning equipment. Eligible products are detailed on the Water Technology List (WTL).

Further information can be found at: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/capital-allowances/fya/water.htm>

The European Water Label

The aim of the European Water Label is to improve information to consumers about the water performance of products at point of purchase, in an accessible way.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.europeanwaterlabel.eu/>