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Germany

Phase:

Anticipation

Type:

Obligation to undertake energy efficiency audits

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Native name:

Gesetz über Energiedienstleistungen und andere Energieeffizienzmaßnahmen (EDL-G)

English name:

Act on energy services and other energy efficiency measures (EDL-G)

Article

8, 8a-c, 12

Description

Large companies (that is, companies that do not qualify as small and medium-sized enterprises) have been obliged to provide evidence of their first energy audit – as defined by DIN EN 16247 – by 5 December 2015 and to conduct at least one energy audit every fourth year since the date of the first audit. Companies with an ISO 50001 certificated energy management system or an environmental management system are exempted from the obligation.

The Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) will undertake random samples to check compliance and impose sanctions (up to €50,000) if non-compliance is detected.

Comments

This provision was created in order to implement article 8 of the European energy efficiency directive into domestic law.

Cost covered by

Employer

Involved actors other than national government

Other

Involvement others

The Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) is responsible for ensuring compliance.

Thresholds

Company size by number of employees:
249

Sources

- Compulsory energy efficiency audits in large companies (IEA database)
- Gesetz über Energiedienstleistungen und andere Energieeffizienzmaßnahmen (EDL-G)

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