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**Frequently Asked Questions about the tender TREN/D3/441-2006 "Survey of the market penetration of energy-efficient office equipment under the Energy Star Program"  
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*1. In task 1 description, the TOR state that the data should cover at least different parameters, one being "the share of products registered with the EU Energy Star Programme".*

*As of our understanding the international agreement between the USA and EU states that a program participant in the Energy Star Labelling Programme that is recognised by one party shall be also recognised by the other party. Therefore, all products that were registered e.g. in the US shall also be considered as eligible products under the EU Energy Star Programme.*

*Therefore, shall the analysis in task 1 (and in the following task 2) consider **all** products registered under the US-EU agreement or just those which were formally registered in the EU?*

"Registered with the EU Energy Star Programme" means products which have been registered in the EU with the Commission, and products registered with EPA and on sale in the EU (i.e. those products contained in the EU Energy Star database of registered products).

*2. In task 2 - analysis of energy consumption caused by office equipment - shall the estimation refer to all office equipment in use, or just the consumption share of Energy Star registered products?*

It is the energy consumption of all office equipment, registered or not registered with the Energy Star programme.

*3. In the scope of Task 1 (pg. 8) the Commission state that the data set shall include "suitable categorization of the office equipment market according to energy efficiency". Can the Commission expand on what they mean by categorisation according to "energy efficiency"? Do they mean a strict energy efficiency categorisation (e.g. as found in the A to G rating for refrigerators outlined in the COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2003/66/EC) or categorisation into different product types as within the Energy Star specifications?*

In order to model/estimate the evolvement of the imaging equipment market and the energy consumed by imaging equipment in the EU, an appropriately chosen product categorization should be used. In general this categorization may, as appropriate, depend on energy efficiency, and/or on the product type, and/or on further parameters (or a combination). It is up to the tenderer to propose a categorization/model suitable for the purposes of the market survey.

*4. In the scope of Task 3 (pg. 9) the Commission state that the aim is to compare the "EU Energy Star Programme related data for models on sale in the EU-27 and EEA and registered with the EU Energy Star Programme, and the corresponding data contained in the EU Energy Star database". Could the Commission expand on the term "the corresponding data" in the previous sentence, in relation to which of the parameters listed across the top of each database they would like to be addressed?*

For products registered with the Energy Star programme, the EU Energy Star data base contains data for parameters relevant for product registration. "Compare corresponding data" means that the data contained in the EU Energy Star database should be compared to product data for those parameters available elsewhere (e.g. in datasheets on display in the internet).