

GAMES CONSOLES SELF-REGULATORY INITIATIVE

EU CONSULTATION FORUM MEETING

INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR REPORT

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THIS PRESENTATION COVER TWO ASPECTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE EU SRI

- 1 Annual Compliance Reporting
- 2 Compliance Verification Investigation



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ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORTING

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Three main reporting commitments to be met by the Signatories for the Annual Compliance Report:

Ensure that Product Compliance Reports for all games consoles within the scope are submitted on time

Ensure that the Product Compliance Reports for all games consoles are complete

Ensure that no more than 10% of products, within the scope of the SRI, from an individual Signatory fail to comply with the requirements in the SRI

Demonstrate that the SRI covers more than 80% of the games consoles sold in the EU for the preceding reporting period

Reviewed by the Independent Inspector

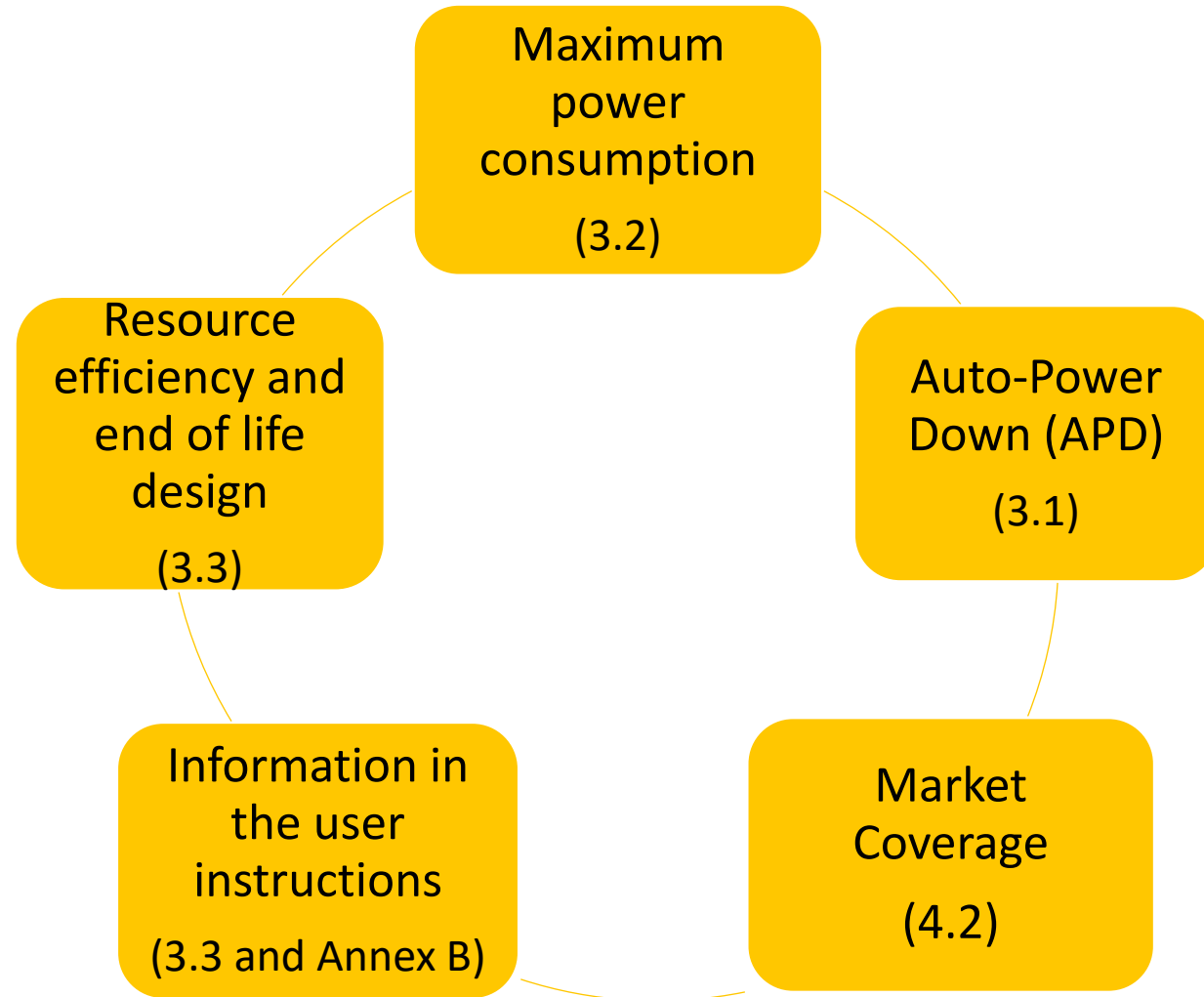
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The Signatory completes a declaration within the PCR

The Signatories report directly to the European Commission

THE SUBMITTED PRODUCT COMPLIANCE REPORT DECLARES THAT THE SIGNATORY HAS MET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS IN THE SRI FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD OF THE PRECEDING YEAR:

(Numbers in brackets are the SRI paragraph references)





THE SUBMITTED PRODUCT COMPLIANCE REPORT ALSO INDICATES THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH CONSOLE REPORTED

Whether the console is:

- is a new console to the market in that reporting period
- is a revised model of an existing console
- is an existing console

The level of data submitted depends upon the above classification

Data for a revised or existing model can refer back to previously submitted Product Compliance Reports

The Product Compliance Report provides online links to where the information in relation to SRI requirements (as given on the previous slide) can be found

DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING



Data is submitted by the Signatories using a Product Compliance Report (PCR) template (or referring to a previous PCR for existing models)

Independent Inspector reviews the PCR to check that it is complete

Independent Inspector produces an Individual Compliance Report for each Signatory specifying any issues or confirming compliance

If required, a Signatory provides clarification on any issues and may resubmit a PCR

Independent Inspector produces the Annual Compliance Report

SUMMARY OF THE MOST RECENT ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT



For the reporting period January 2022 through December 2022 the EU SRI version 4.0 applied

The Signatories are the three main manufacturers of games consoles sold in the EU:

Microsoft
Corporation

Nintendo Co., Ltd.

Sony Interactive
Entertainment Inc.

In 2022, EU sales of games consoles amounted to around 10.6M units, however this data (from VGChartz) includes some out-of-scope handheld consoles and UK sales data

Nine games consoles fell within the scope of the EU SRI for the 2022 reporting period

SIGNATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENT COMPLIANCE



| Signatory Requirement | Compliance |
|---|--|
| Ensure that Product Compliance Reports for all games consoles within the scope of the SRI are submitted to the Independent Inspector on time | All reports received by the end of February |
| Ensure that the Product Compliance Reports for all games consoles are complete | Reports for all games consoles received and complete |
| Ensure that no more than 10% of products, within the scope of the SRI, from an individual Signatory fail to comply with the requirements in the SRI | All manufacturers submitting PCR's declared that all consoles comply |

INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR REVIEW

THE PRODUCT COMPLIANCE REPORTS (PCRs) WERE REVIEWED FOR COMPLETENESS AND ONLINE LINKS CHECKED TO ENSURE THE RELEVANT INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED

Microsoft

Two existing models

Xbox Series X, Xbox Series S
reference to the previous PCR
published on the Efficiency
Gaming website

Nintendo

Two existing consoles, within
scope for non-energy
requirements for consoles using
< 20W

**Nintendo Switch,
Nintendo Switch - OLED model**
reference to the previous PCR
published on the Efficiency
Gaming website

Sony

Three consoles the same as the
previous reporting period

**PlayStation 4 [CUH-2216],
PlayStation 5 [CFI-1116A]
PlayStation 5 Digital Edition
[CFI-1116B]**

reference to previous PCRs but
with updated links to consumer
information

Two new consoles

**PlayStation 5 [CFI-1216A]
PlayStation 5 Digital Edition
[CFI-1216B]**

information and online links
provided in the PCR

COMPLIANCE SUMMARY



The three Signatory manufacturers and nine games consoles covered by, and complying with, the SRI for the reporting period 2022 are:

| Manufacturer | Games Console | Type |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Microsoft | Xbox Series X (1882) | 8K Definition Gaming Capable |
| Microsoft | Xbox Series S (1883) | Ultra High Definition Media Capable |
| Nintendo | Nintendo Switch (HAC-001(-01)) | High Definition <20W |
| Nintendo | Nintendo Switch - OLED Model (HEG-001) | High Definition <20W |
| Sony | PlayStation®4 (CUH-2216) | Ultra High Definition Media Capable |
| Sony | PlayStation®5 (CFI-1116A) | 8K Definition Capable |
| Sony | PlayStation®5 Digital Edition (CFI-1116B) | 8K Definition Capable |
| <i>Sony</i> | <i>PlayStation®5 (CFI-1216A)</i> | <i>8K Definition Capable</i> |
| <i>Sony</i> | <i>PlayStation®5 Digital Edition (CFI-1216B)</i> | <i>8K Definition Capable</i> |

The new consoles for this reporting period are in *italics*

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COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION INVESTIGATION



COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION INVESTIGATION

In line with the European Commission Guideline for Voluntary Agreement, the circumstances that now trigger a compliance investigation are:

- a Signatory failing to submit a Product Compliance Report
- launch of a new or revised games console onto the market
- allegations of non-compliance by the European Commission or stakeholder

Samples are verified according to Annex A-1 (energy related performance) and Annex A-2 (non-energy requirements and information to consumers).

This involves recording energy consumption and Auto-power down for purchased samples in a test environment. For non-energy requirements a review of evidence from manufacturers is undertaken as well as online searches for information that must be accessible to users

COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION INVESTIGATION

Compliance investigations normally take place within 6 months of the ACR publication

The investigation reported in the last ACR covered consoles with PCRs submitted in February 2022 for the reporting period January through December 2021

The verification review took place during Summer 2022

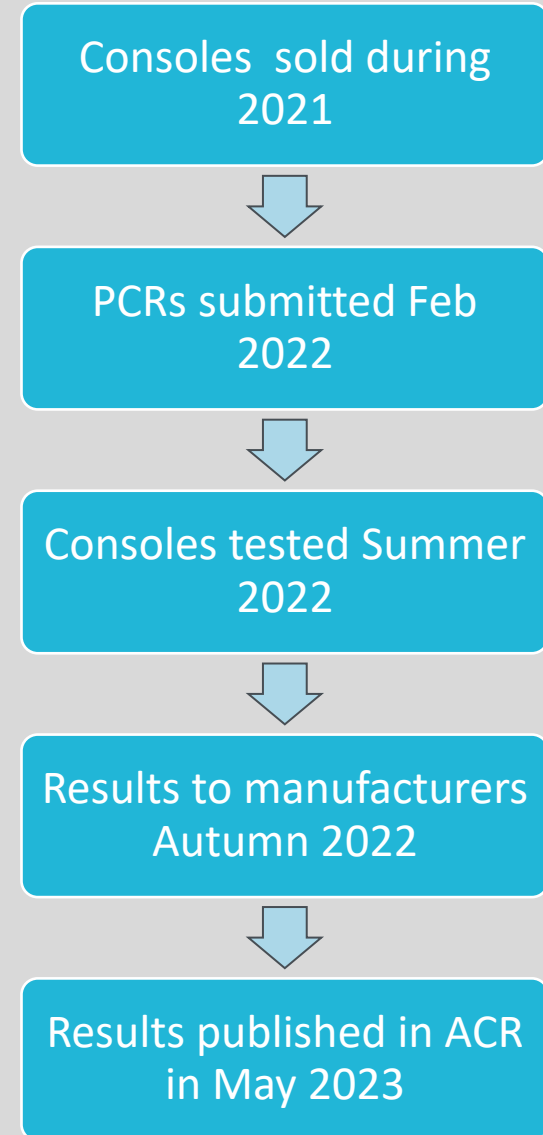
Sample Selection

The criteria for sample selection would normally be to test consoles that had been launched during the reporting period. However, on this occasion it was agreed that three consoles tested during the previous year's verification process would be retested

These models had previously been tested using manufacturer supplied samples due to availability issues. It was intended that retailer purchased samples would be used.

When it came to testing, one of the Sony models had been updated so the new version was purchased and tested. The other Sony console (PlayStation5 Digital Edition) was still not available to purchase.

In addition to the retested samples, two Nintendo models were included as they had come into scope of SRI in relation to non-energy requirements





COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION INVESTIGATION

Samples Timeline

**Microsoft Xbox Series X
1882**

PCR 2021 – reporting
period 2020

Tested Autumn 2021

Manufacturers sample



Retested Summer 2022

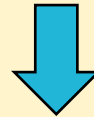
Retailer sample

**Sony PlayStation5
CFI-1016A**

PCR 2021 - reporting
period 2020

Tested Autumn 2021

Manufacturers sample



Replaced with **CFI-1116A**

Retailer sample

Tested Summer 2022

**Sony PlayStation5 Digital
CFI-1016B**

PCR 2021 – reporting
period 2020

Tested Autumn 2021

Manufacturers sample



No Retailer sample:

Results carried forward

from Manufacturer
sample tested in 2021

Nintendo Switch and Nintendo Switch - OLED Model - Basic
energy testing & Resource efficiency information reviewed

➤ **All the reviewed consoles complied with the requirements**

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