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PUTRAJAYA: The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act 2024 [Act 861] and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Regulations 2024 came into force on Jan 1.

The Energy Commission (EC), in a statement, said that the enforcement of the law and regulations is an important milestone towards realising the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) and making Malaysia a more energy-sustainable country.

“Act 861 is applicable in Peninsular Malaysia and the Federal Territory of Labuan and has been gazetted on Nov 26, 2024.

“This act will be implemented under the supervision of ST as an enforcement agency that aims to further increase energy efficiency and conservation,” read the statement. – Bernama

Act 861 consists of 10 main sections which include the obligations of energy users and is extended to the regulation of energy-using products (EUP).

The main points outlined in the Act include the obligation of energy users with energy usage equal to or exceeding the threshold of 21,600 GJ per year to appoint a registered energy manager, develop and implement an energy management system, prepare an energy efficiency report, and conduct an energy audit.

In addition, energy efficiency rating requirements for buildings listed in the Third Schedule of the Act, where the buildings are required to display energy intensity labels and meet minimum energy efficiency standards.

Other provisions in the Act include registration requirements for manufacturers and importers of energy-using products, where the relevant products must meet the minimum energy performance standard (MEPS), display an energy efficiency rating label and encourage the use of energy-efficient products in the market.