

1. FUNCTION OF THE APPLIANCE

For each appliance, it must be verified whether it is specifically designed for professional use. If this is not the case, the appliance is considered household equipment. Please note that, therefore, only reasonably foreseeable consumer use should be taken into account.

For example: a laptop can be used for household or professional purposes and is thus considered household equipment (it does not have an exclusive professional application). A barcode scanner is exclusively for professional use and is thus considered professional equipment.

A coffee machine designed for professional use (office, bar, etc.) that could potentially be used by an individual at home is still considered as professional equipment. In this case, the use by an individual is considered to be exceptional and not reasonably foreseeable.

Is the product exclusively designed for professional use?

YES

NO

Declare your appliance under the professional category.

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE APPLIANCE

The appliance's specific characteristics that could demonstrate if a product has been designed exclusively for professional purposes should be taken into account. Such characteristics could include durability, weight, size, connections, energy consumption, external features, etc.

For example: a server designed to be mounted in a rack can easily be distinguished from a «household» server on the basis of its design, and should therefore be considered professional on the basis of its appearance.

Is it clear based on the characteristics of your appliance whether it is household or professional equipment?

YES

NO

Declare your appliance under the appropriate category.

3. DISTRIBUTION CHANNEL

If the product cannot be classified on the basis of the two preceding steps, the distribution channel through which the product is distributed can be taken into account.

For example: if a product is offered for sale through distribution channels that are only available to professionals, this may indicate that the appliance could be regarded as professional. Please note, it must still be possible to demonstrate that the product has been specifically designed for professional use.

Is it clear based on the distribution channel whether your appliance is household or professional?

YES

NO

Declare your appliance under the appropriate category.

Declare your appliance under a household category.