

- (a) **IN GENERAL.** - (1) The Secretary [of the Department of Energy] shall, after consulting with the National Fenestration Rating Council, industry representatives, and other appropriate organizations, provide financial assistance to support a voluntary national window rating program that will develop energy ratings and labels for windows and window systems.
- (2) Such rating program shall include -
- (A) specifications for testing procedures and labels that will enable window buyers to make more informed purchasing decisions about the energy efficiency of windows and window systems; and
 - (B) information (which may be disseminated through catalogs, trade publications, labels, or other mechanisms) that will allow window buyers to assess the energy consumption and potential costs savings of alternative window products.
- (3) Such rating program shall be developed by the National Fenestration Rating Council according to commonly accepted procedures for the development of national testing procedures and labeling programs.
- (b) **MONITORING.** - The Secretary shall monitor and evaluate the efforts of the National Fenestration Rating Council and, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, make a determination as to whether the program developed by the Council is consistent with the objectives of subsection (a).
- (c) **ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM.** - (1) If the Secretary makes a determination under subsection (b) that a voluntary national window rating program consistent with the objectives of subsection (a) has not been developed, the Secretary shall, after consultation with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, develop, not later than two years after such determination, test procedures under section 323 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6293) for windows and window systems.
- (2) Not later than one year after the Secretary develops test procedures under paragraph (1), the Federal Trade Commission shall prescribe labeling rules under section 324 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 6294) for those window and window systems for which the Secretary has prescribed test procedures under paragraph (1) except that, with respect to any type of window or window system (or class thereof), the Secretary may determine that such labeling is not technologically feasible or economically justified or is not likely to assist consumers in making purchasing decisions.
- (3) For the purposes of sections 323, 324, and 327 of such Act, each product for which the Secretary has established test procedures or labeling rules pursuant to this subsection shall be considered a new covered product under section 322 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 6292) to the extent necessary to carry out this subsection.
- (4) For purposes of section 327(a) of such Act, the term "this part" includes this subsection to the extent necessary to carry out this subsection.