

Spotlight on Brittany: INFO

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Introduction	Here's Lorna Farrington talking to Stephanie Le Gall from ALECOB. Lorna asks Stephanie about which energy efficient appliances are available.
English Summary	The sale of 100 watt normal bulbs was stopped in September 2009. Once the stocks have gone, only the lower energy bulbs will be available, which last up to ten times longer and use five times less energy. They are more expensive, but you re-coup the cost in three to four years. Also, kitchen appliances are classified and labelled "A" to "G". "G" use most energy, so go for "A+" or "A++" for fridges, washing machines and dryers, which are the most efficient.
Lorna Farrington	What's the DPE?
English Summary	It's the energy type diagnostic certificate you must have if you are selling or letting your house. We have a list of those qualified to carry out the tests by department. The certificate is valid for ten years. You can also get a test done voluntarily. In this case you can claim an allowance of 50% of the cost against your tax. The cost of the test will vary according to the size of the property. It could be between €100 and €300.
	So remember to get your DEP inspection before you sell or rent out your property.