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LABUAN: The Energy Commission (EC) has assured the Labuan Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LICCI) and all other importers of electrical products that their imports would be issued Standards and Research Institute of Malaysia (Sirim) label within two days of arrival.

However, they must ensure that their products have full manufacturers' specifications and approval codes issued by a recognised authority in the country of origin.

This was stated during a seminar and dialogue between EC officials and local importers of electrical products and appliances.

A director from EC, Ahmad Hilmi Yusof, and a senior officer of Sirim office in Kota Kinabalu, Kasvenda Kassim, were present.

LICCI Chairman Datuk Dahlif Singh, who led his members in the meeting, said

this certainly was good news.

"Quick clearance of shipments from port warehouses will help avoid payment of storage charges that will escalate the cost of goods," he said.

Dahlif, however, suggested that the procedures be further reviewed and eased.

He noted that most of the products came from countries like Japan, Korea, Singapore and Singapore that are known to have superior standards.

"Strict procedures should only be applied to new products from new suppliers. Also in the spirit of Asean, movements of goods within the block should be eased."

LICCI Secretary, Sri Ram, said the processing fee for Sirim certificate should be reduced, as the present RM300 per year was high.



EC and Sirim officials with Labuan importers.