



August 28, 2003

Dear ENERGY STAR for Windows, Doors and Skylights Partner:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has consented to extend the August 29, 2003 deadline for converting the labeling requirement under the old Three-Zone ENERGY STAR qualification criteria to the new Four-Zone ENERGY STAR system, due to printing and logistical difficulties encountered by a significant number of manufacturers. The new deadline by which manufacturers must transition to using Four-Zone labels is September 30, 2003.

Manufacturers can begin using the Four-Zone labels any time after August 28, 2003, and should do so as soon as possible after this date. Manufacturers should not wait until September 30, 2003 to make the transition. September 30, 2003 is the last day on which manufacturers may apply Three-Zone labels to their products.

Please note, the end of the grace period for SELLING Three-Zone labeled products at all points in the distribution path is NOT affected by this extension and remains November 30, 2003. On December 1, 2003, only products qualified under the new Four-Zone criteria and labeled with Four-Zone labels may be sold.

Manufacturers who plan to use customized Four-Zone ENERGY STAR fenestration product qualification labels are encouraged to submit them to DOE's designated representative (D&R International) for approval to ensure they conform to the Label and Promotional Map Use Guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding the labeling of qualified products please contact Stephen Bickel at D&R International (sbickel@drintl.com; 301-588-9387).

Sincerely,

ENERGY STAR for Windows, Doors and Skylights