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Subject: RE: ENERGY STAR Final Draft Certification and Verification Requirements
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On behalf of CSA International, I am pleased to confirm that we have reviewed the final draft Conditions and Criteria for Certification Bodies and prepared to fulfill EPA's requirements in order to become a recognized certification body. There are 3 questions that have been presented by our CSA energy efficiency team to which we would welcome EPA's direction. Our questions are as follows:

1) In keeping with this draft criteria, CSA International has a substantial North American presence with 13 locations throughout the US and Canada. In Europe and Asia we apply a combination of CSA offices working in cooperation with national partners, such as JQA in Japan, KEMA in The Netherlands, IMQ in Italy, etc., for our testing needs.

Under this cooperation, all such facilities are ISO / IEC 17025 accredited by their national, ILAC signatory, accreditation bodies and subsequently re-assessed and audited to 17025 by CSA International. In all cases, CSA International assumes responsibility to ensure that the assessment of these partners includes the relevant EPA - Energy Star Program Requirements. In addition, any test data generated for Energy Star will be under a witness test or supervised test program, similar to WMTL or SMTL applied to manufacturer's test labs, and any qualification or verification reports will be issued exclusively and solely by qualified CSA staff.

If we interpret Article 1, Section C, Subsection ii) correctly, this approach would enable CSA to take advantage of these partner agreements. If our interpretation is incorrect, please provide clarification.

2) For "Verification Testing", Article 3, Section a), Subsection i), it is understood that the CB shall select samples per the guideline specified. We can envision how this selection can take place for models that are qualified and listed by the CB. For those products that are tested by an independent recognized laboratory, which may not be a CB, is there a process in place for the verification testing of those products, and who will manage that scheduling.

3) CSA International's accreditation for Certification Body has historically been through the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Can you confirm if these accreditation bodies have confirmed their participation in EPA's Enhanced Energy Star Program and prepared to expand scope for their accredited CB's to include Energy Star Program Requirements? Arrangements have already been initiated to expand our ISO / IEC 17025 testing scope through another accreditation body we believe is an active EPA participant.

Your clarification on these 3 topics would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you
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Please find attached to this email an important memorandum from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Also attached is EPA's Final Draft Conditions and Criteria for Recognition of Certification Bodies for the ENERGY STAR Program.

EPA welcomes your feedback on the Final Draft Certification and Verification Requirements by August 6, 2010.

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