

Comment from METI on
Final Draft Revised - ENERGY STAR® EPS Specification (Version 2.0)

Imaging Equipments shipped with Additional Cordless Handsets

In Section 6) A. of EPS v2.0 Final Draft Revised, it is stated that “Imaging Equipments qualified under the Version 1.0 Tier 2 specification (effective April 2009) will need to meet the EPS Version 2.0 requirements” when they are shipped with EPS. In the following Section 6) C., telephony is required to “meet [EPS] Version 2.0 as of its effective date”. Then, provided that an imaging product is shipped with additional cordless handsets, which of the statements, 6)A. or 6)C., shall it follow?

EPS Requirement for Imaging Equipments and Computers

Under IE Specification v1.0 and Computer Specification v4.0, EPS are required to be either 1) ENERGY STAR models or 2) those meeting the energy efficiency criteria. For the sake of clarification, please include a statement explaining that the International Efficiency Mark is not a requirement for the 2) models above. In other words, the 2) models must meet the efficiency criteria only. The similar statement shall also be included in IE Specification and Computer Specification in order to avoid ambiguity. In addition, it shall be allowed to evaluate the efficiency of the 2) models by testing at voltage relevant to the market in which the main product (i.e. Imaging Products, Computer, etc.) are sold.

Availability of ENERGY STAR qualifying EPS by the time of effective date of IE v1.0 Tier2, Computer v5.0, and Monitor v5.0

IE, Computer, and Monitor industry associations in Japan are concerning a possibility that efficient IE/computer/monitor products may not be able to qualify under their new ENERGY STAR specifications only because they cannot procure ENERGY STAR qualifying EPS. To avoid this unfairness, the availability of EPS qualifying v2.0 specification needs to reach a certain level by the time of effective dates of new IE/Computer/Monitor specifications.

However, a short period of time between the effective dates of Federal mandatory standard and ENERGY STAR EPS v2.0 may create a burden for EPS manufacturers to do so.

Once EPS v2.0 specification is finalized in this March, is there sufficient time for EPS manufacturers to develop and provide enough ENERGY STAR qualifying EPS for IE, Computer and Monitor manufacturers by the time when these new specifications take effect next year? Please confirm EPS manufacturers on this issue and share it with other stakeholders.