

BSH response to the proposed increase of MEF to 1.8 and WF to 7.5

BSH Home Appliances produces both Bosch Nexxt and Siemens ultraSense washers. On the issue of raising the MEF standard to 1.8 as proposed by the CEE and local utilities, both Bosch and Siemens laundry units already qualify as these units were produced only with the highest standards and forward thinking inherent in our company philosophy. We understand the need to conserve energy and water and have aimed to achieve the highest possible rating knowing that certain areas in the country have an increasing desire to limit energy and water consumption. BSH is doing its part to be ecologically conscious yet cost efficient, while catering to consumer demands.

Given the proposed inclusion of an MEF of 1.8 and the WF of 7.5 in the federal minimum standard represented by the CEE and local utilities, we understand that this would effectively make most top loaders qualify only for the lowest tier rating. Since BSH does not manufacture front loaders, we are refraining from commenting on the qualification of the top loaders for the lowest tier.

BSH is, however, in support of the increase to MEF 1.8 and WF 7.5, in part because of all our products qualify for it. That said, we highly recommend that consumers be given a broad range of available options so that they can compare each product on the basis of its performance, price, aesthetics, and quality, and choose one that is highly qualified to meet their own individual lifestyle needs.