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Dear Commercial Fryer Manufacturer or Other Interested Stakeholder:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcomes your input on the attached Draft 2 ENERGY STAR® Version 2.0 Commercial Fryers specification. This latest proposal reflects feedback received on the previous Draft 1 version. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide comments to EPA **by February 25, 2011**.

The following changes are proposed in the Draft 2 version:

- Vat measurements and shortening capacities for purposes of defining standard and large vat fryers have been slightly revised in Section 1.
- A statement has been added to Section 2 that countertop and floor type models are eligible for ENERGY STAR provided that they meet the definitions for standard or large vat fryers.
- A new 12,000 Btu/hr idle energy rate is now proposed for large vat gas fryers. The cooking energy efficiency levels for gas and electric large vat fryers, and the idle energy rate for large vat electric fryers, remain unchanged. As a reminder, EPA is not revising the performance requirements for standard fryers at this time.
- The specification effective date has been changed from the initially proposed February 1, 2011. The new proposed effective dates:
 - April 15, 2011 for all new standard and large vat commercial fryers and
 - August 1, 2011 for all previously qualified standard fryers.

These proposed changes are discussed in greater detail in note boxes found within the Draft 2 document. EPA plans to release a Final Draft version for review and comment prior to finalizing the Version 2.0 specification.

Third Party Certification Requirements

Effective January 1, 2011, all new ENERGY STAR qualifications must be third party certified by an EPA-recognized Certification Body (CB). By August 1, 2011, manufacturers must obtain third-party certification for all **previously qualified** commercial fryers in order to remain ENERGY STAR labeled and qualified. Starting April 15, 2011 large vat commercial fryers will be eligible for ENERGY STAR, with third-party certification to the Version 2.0 requirements. All manufacturers are encouraged to contact EPA-recognized laboratories and CBs now to prepare for the certification of their products. A list of EPA-recognized organizations is available at www.energystar.gov/3rdpartycert.

Manufacturer Meetings at NAFEM

ENERGY STAR representatives plan to visit commercial fryer manufacturer booths during the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) Show, February 10 – 11 to discuss the

Draft 2 specification and view large vat designs. If you would like to schedule a specific time to meet with us, please contact Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at (202) 862-1266.

Submittal of Written Comments

Interested stakeholders should submit written comments on the Draft 2 Version 2.0 specification, and any additional data, for EPA review to commercialfoodservice@energystar.gov by **February 25, 2011**. All comments will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website unless the submitter requests otherwise.

To track EPA's progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Commercial Fryer specification, including comments received to date, visit the Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs.

Thank you for taking the time to review this draft specification. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9046 or via e-mail at kent.christopher@epa.gov or contact Rebecca Duff at (202) 862-1266 or via e-mail at rduff@icfi.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Kent". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher Kent, U.S. EPA
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