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Dear ENERGY STAR® Hot Food Holding Cabinet Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to notify stakeholders of its intention to move the effective date for the ENERGY STAR Version 2.0 Hot Food Holding Cabinet (HFHC) specification from July 1, 2011 to October 1, 2011.

This decision was made based on information provided by the ASTM F26 Committee regarding the status of revisions to the ASTM F2140 test standard, which is referenced in the Version 2.0 specification. Efforts are underway to finalize and publish the new version of the standard by this summer. Manufacturers will then have several months to contact EPA-recognized laboratories and Certification Bodies (CBs) to prepare for the transition to Version 2.0 on October 1, 2011.

As a reminder, starting June 1, 2011 EPA will ask EPA-recognized CBs to cease certifying HFHCs to the existing ENERGY STAR Version 1.1 specification requirements. Models qualified under the existing Version 1.1 specification will remain on the ENERGY STAR Qualified Product List and may continue carrying the ENERGY STAR mark until the new Version 2.0 effective date. As of October 1, 2011, only those models that have been third-party certified by an EPA-recognized CB to the new Version 2.0 requirements will remain ENERGY STAR qualified.

EPA will publish the revised Version 2.0 HFHC specification by April 19, 2011 on the ENERGY STAR website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs.

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Kent, EPA, at kent.christopher@epa.gov or Rebecca Duff, ICF International, at rduff@icfi.com.

Thank you.

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