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Dear Commercial Hot Food Holding Manufacturer or Other Industry Stakeholder:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am pleased to inform you that the ENERGY STAR® Version 2.0 Commercial Hot Food Holding Cabinet (HFHC) specification has been finalized. Your valuable feedback throughout the development process has been integral to the design of the final specification. **Please note that EPA considers this specification to be final and has no further plans to revise it at this time.** The new Version 2.0 specification will take effect on July 1, 2011.

EPA received limited stakeholder feedback on the Final Draft proposal. As previously proposed, the final specification includes the following key elements:

- Inclusion of the more recent ASTM Standard F2140-10 test procedure
- Product family qualification approach based on the testing of a representative model
- Minor editorial changes to align with Version 1.1 third-party certification requirements

Based on new information received as part of the final comment period, EPA eliminated a limited set of models from the full-sized cabinet data set that reflected duplicate data points. While projected qualification rates decreased as a result, a diversity of qualifying models and brands across size bins will be available and offer a favorable pay back to the end user.

All EPA correspondence, stakeholder comments, and previous draft versions of the specification can be viewed on the ENERGY STAR website at: www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs.

ENERGY STAR Product Qualification

As of January 1, 2011 all new products seeking ENERGY STAR qualification will be required to be tested by an EPA-recognized Laboratory and third-party certified by an EPA-recognized Certification Body. Manufacturers can view the latest list of recognized Certification Bodies and Laboratories at: www.energystar.gov/testingandverification. This list will be updated as new applications are received and approved for participation in the ENERGY STAR program.

Once the Version 2.0 specification goes into effect on July 1, 2011, only those models that have been third-party certified by an EPA-recognized Certification Body, and meet the new performance requirements, will remain on the ENERGY STAR Qualified Product List. All other models will be removed and manufacturers will be required to stop using the ENERGY STAR mark on any subsequent units manufactured as of this date.

On behalf of EPA, I appreciate your participation in the development of this specification and look forward to working with each of you as you qualify and promote your energy-efficient equipment. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns at (202) 343-9046 or kent.christopher@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Kent".

Christopher Kent, U.S. EPA
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