

JEITA's Comments and Questions on  
Draft 1 Version 5.0 ENERGY STAR Displays Specification

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- (1) Note on Page 5 — Maximum viewable diagonal screen sizes for eligible products  
The Draft sets the maximum viewable diagonal screen size at 84 inches. We believe, however, that no maximum screen size should be specified because the screen sizes of professional signage are increasing every year.
  
- (2) Note on Page 5 — Products with a tuner  
In Japan, products cannot apply for Energy Star as TVs. Therefore, from Tier 2 on, products with tuners would not be able to apply in Japan.  
Consequently, we would like the Draft changed so that products with tuners can continue to apply as display monitors as before even after Tier 2 is introduced.
  
- (3) Note on Page 8 — Tier 2 On Mode requirements  
Will the maximum Tier 2 On Mode power consumption levels be defined in Draft 2 (planned for distribution on Oct. 22)? If not, when will they be defined?
  
- (4) Note on Page 8 — Display models with added functionality  
Fair comparisons between products are not possible when measuring full-featured products considered in the Tier 2 requirements. Therefore, measurements should continue to follow the Tier 1 requirements.
  
- (5) Note on Page 12 — As-shipped luminance settings  
In principle, we agree to the EPA's proposal (testing displays at the unit's as-shipped luminance settings). Nevertheless, we would like the EPA to consider the following two concerns:
  1. Under the EPA proposal, manufacturers can deliberately make the as-shipped luminance settings of their units lower to meet the ENERGY STAR requirements.  
Furthermore, even without such "evil deliberate", no unified luminance setting value for manufacturers might happen confusion.
  2. If the as-shipped luminance levels are set deliberately lower only for meeting the ENERGY STAR requirements, this could cause the result not suitable for the intent of the standardization.
  
- (6) Page 14 — 6) Effective date  
Can we make the application of the Version 5.0 specification soon after the final version is issued (Jan. 21, 2009)?

(7) Note on Page 15 — Transition time prior to the revised specification taking effect (nine months)

We would like the transition time set to one year. Otherwise, we would like the effective date to be Friday Jan. 1, 2010. In general, setting effective dates to the first day of a month is easier for manufacturers to control the production than other dates.