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Dear Commercial Refrigeration 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 Specification for Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers has been finalized. Your valuable feedback throughout the development process has been integral to the design of the specification. Please note that EPA considers this specification to be final and has no immediate plans to revise it at this time.

In response to stakeholder comments on the Final Draft version, EPA has made the following minor changes to the Eligibility Criteria:

- The term “Chest Configuration” has been added to Section 1 and is defined as an enclosed refrigeration cabinet to which access is gained only through a top-opening door.
- Reference to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 72-2005 and its official interpretations is now included in Section 4.C for guidance concerning energy management devices.
- Minor text edits have been made to improve clarity of the document.

No further changes have been made to the Version 2.0 specification compared to the previous Final Draft. All documents relating to the commercial refrigeration specification revision process can be viewed on the ENERGY STAR product development Web site at: [www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment](http://www.energystar.gov/productdevelopment). Click on the “Revisions to Existing Specifications” link then “Commercial Solid Door Refrigerator and Freezer Specification”.

### **Qualifying Glass Door and Mixed Door Cabinets**

For glass door and mixed door cabinets, where product categories are eligible for qualification for the first time, EPA is providing manufacturers the opportunity to qualify and promote ENERGY STAR qualified units immediately. Manufacturers can begin submitting performance data for glass door and mixed door cabinets using the attached Version 2.0 Qualified Product Information (QPI) Form for Commercial Glass Door Refrigerators and Freezers.

Existing ENERGY STAR Partners: To qualify glass door units, existing ENERGY STAR Partners will only need to complete and submit an updated Commitment Form. Partners can complete and submit the attached Commitment Form along with new ENERGY STAR glass door submittals.

New ENERGY STAR Partners: Manufacturers who are not currently an ENERGY STAR Partner will need to complete and submit **both** a Partnership Agreement and a Commitment Form. Enclosed you will find a Sample Partnership Agreement that explains the requirements of both the manufacturing partner and EPA and covers both the Partner Commitments and Eligibility Criteria. This Agreement needs only to be signed once; after that, you may expand your participation into other product areas, as appropriate, by submitting an updated Commitment Form. Manufacturers can request a customized Agreement from [commercialfoodservice@icfi.com](mailto:commercialfoodservice@icfi.com).

To familiarize you with the contents of the Partnership Agreement, the following is a list of partner commitments:

- Comply with the current product Eligibility Criteria (i.e., technical specification).
- Comply with the current ENERGY STAR Identity Guidelines.
- Qualify at least one commercial refrigeration model as ENERGY STAR within one year of signing the Partnership Agreement.
- Provide clear and consistent labeling of ENERGY STAR qualified commercial refrigeration on the front of the product, on product packaging, in product literature, and on the Web site.
- Provide to EPA, on an annual basis, an updated list of ENERGY STAR qualifying commercial refrigeration.
- Provide to EPA, on an annual basis, unit shipment data of qualified commercial refrigeration models.
- Notify EPA of a change in the designated responsible party or contact for commercial refrigeration within 30 days.

Once a Partnership Agreement is signed, manufacturers may begin submitting models for ENERGY STAR qualification. The QPI form should be completed for each commercial refrigeration model that you wish to qualify.

Manufacturers can return the signed Partnership Agreement and Commitment Form, along with any completed QPI forms for review, to [commercialfoodservice@icfi.com](mailto:commercialfoodservice@icfi.com). Existing ENERGY STAR Partners can return an updated Commitment Form, along with any completed QPI forms for review, to the same address. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bijit Kundu, ICF International, at (202) 862-1157 or [bkundu@icfi.com](mailto:bkundu@icfi.com).

### **Solid Door Cabinets**

Companies intending to qualify solid door cabinets should continue using the current Qualified Product Information Form for Commercial Solid Door Refrigerators and Freezers (OMB control No. 2060-0528). On January 1, 2010 all solid door cabinets which do not meet the Version 2.0 specification will be removed from the Qualified Product List. However, Partners are encouraged to test and qualify their solid door equipment according to the new Version 2.0 requirements prior to the January effective date. EPA will provide additional correspondence regarding EPA's plan to transition solid door equipment to the new Version 2.0 specification over the coming months.

On behalf of EPA, I appreciate your participation in the development of this specification. If you have any questions or concerns about the specification or partnership process, please feel free to contact me at (202) 343-9046 or [kent.christopher@epa.gov](mailto:kent.christopher@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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