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Dear ENERGY STAR® Automatic Commercial Ice Maker Manufacturer or OtherInterestedParty:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share theENERGY STAR Draft 2 Version 3.0 Automatic Commercial Ice Maker (ACIM) specification.Stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on this draft to EPA no later than April 5,2017.

Comments Received on the Draft 1 Proposal
EPA hosted a webinar to discuss the Draft 1 specification on January 25, 2017. In addition, EPA had the opportunity to meet with stakeholders at the North American Association of FoodEquipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) Show held on February 9 – 11, 2017, in Orlando, FL. to further discuss the proposed changes to the Version 3.0 specification. After considering the feedback from a wide range of stakeholders, EPA is confident that the proposed Draft 2 specification delivers savings for end-users while balancing the various needs of all ENERGYSTAR stakeholders. EPA considered insights shared by manufacturers regarding their 2018 models, including product availability and technologies capable of improving energy efficiency, in developing these proposed energy use criteria.

Stakeholders provided feedback on the Draft 1 specification, for a range of topics including:proposed energy use criteria; water use and water quality; market characteristics; and theoptional connected functionality criteria.

Key elements of the Draft 2 specification include:

1. **Revised Certification Criteria**
   In consideration of product availability at various harvest rates, EPA included a revisedapproach to the harvest rate break points in Draft 2 that is consistent with the federalstandards.

2. **Optional Connected Functionality**
   EPA received a range of comments regarding the optional connected functionalitycriteria for ACIM products included in Draft 1. EPA sees opportunity for end-userconvenience, energy savings, and utility benefit in energy shifting associated withconnected functionality for these products. Therefore, EPA intends to retain the optionalconnected criteria for ACIMs.

3. **Effective Date**
   After careful consideration of the comments received in response to the Draft 1proposed effective date, EPA has retained the January 1, 2018, effective date.
Maintaining ENERGY STAR's role as an effective differentiator of highly efficient products in the market is a priority for the Agency. An effective date of January 1, 2018, addresses the need for differentiation given the forthcoming federal minimum efficiency standard.

Submittal of Written Comments
Stakeholders are encouraged to submit written comments on the Draft 2 specification to icemachines@energystar.gov by April 5, 2017. 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 Automatic Commercial Ice Maker specification, visit the Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs. All specification development materials, including data plots to support the Draft 2 proposal, will be posted to this website.

Please feel free to contact me at (202) 564-2984 and Hesla.Kirsten@epa.gov or Adam Spitz, ICF, at (916) 231-7685 and Adam.Spitz@icf.com with any questions regarding this specification or ENERGY STAR Partnership. For test procedure questions, please contact Ashley Armstrong, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), at (202) 586-6590 and Ashley.Armstrong@ee.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

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