

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



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Dear ENERGY STAR® Clothes Dryer Manufacturers and Other Interested Parties,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to add a definition for a Clothes Dryer with a Supplementary Drying System to the ENERGY STAR Dryer specification. Adding this definition will enable these products to be certified as ENERGY STAR, recognizing energy efficient options for consumers interested in this feature. Stakeholders may provide comments on this proposed definition to EPA no later than February 24, 2017. No other changes are being proposed to the ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer specification.

Proposed Additional Definition

Clothes Dryer with Supplementary Drying System: A consumer product that meets the definition of an Electric or Gas Clothes Dryer and includes a supplementary drying system in the same housing as the primary dryer. The primary dryer and the supplementary drying system are powered by a single electric power source. The supplementary drying system has a rated input power that is less than 15% of the primary dryer's rated input power¹ and draws no discernable power when not in use.

If you have comments or concerns about this proposal, please submit them by February 24, 2017, to appliances@epa.gov. Please direct any specific questions to Katharine Kaplan, EPA, at kaplan.katharine@epa.gov or (202) 343-9120 and Steve Leybourn at ICF, Steve.Leybourn@icf.com or (202) 862-1566.

This update to the Clothes Dryer specification will be published as a Version 1.1 specification. Manufacturers will be able to certify products meeting the new definition immediately upon its publication.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katharine Kaplan".

Katharine Kaplan, Manager, ENERGY STAR Product Development and Program Administration

¹ The supplementary drying system's rated input power and the primary dryer's rated input power both may be determined from a label on the product or the product's user manual.