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Dear ENERGY STAR Commercial Dishwashers, Ovens, and Steam Cookers Stakeholders,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to announce that the following three Certification Bodies (CBs) are now recognized to administer the expanded component inspection method for product verification: Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., NSF International, and Underwriters Laboratories (UL). This method provides ENERGY STAR partners with an alternative to verification testing that involves documenting and verifying components in the manufacturing facility that may impact performance against ENERGY STAR certification requirements. The procedures used in component inspections for ENERGY STAR are similar to those used in verifying compliance with safety standards in commercial food service (CFS) products.

Brand owner partners may now begin working with their CB of choice to determine which models will be included in the component inspection program. EPA asks that partners confirm their plans for participation with the CB by January 31, 2020. Partners who decide not to participate in this optional program will remain subject to traditional verification testing.

During CY Q1 of 2020, we expect brand owner partners to establish Energy File Reports for new or existing CFS models certified to Commercial Dishwashers Specification V2.0, Commercial Ovens Specification V2.2, or Commercial Steam Cookers V1.2.

For any questions, please contact Brian Krausz (Krausz.Brian@epa.gov, 202-564-3069) or Certification@energystar.gov. For more information on Verification Testing and the CFS component inspection method, please visit https://www.energystar.gov/partner_resources/products_partner_resources/third_party_cert/responsibilities.

Thank you for your continued support of the ENERGY STAR program.

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