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Dear ENERGY STAR® CAC and HP partners:

EPA has finalized the [ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2023 criteria for Central Air Conditioning and Heat Pumps \(CAC-HP\)](#) and qualified models will be highlighted on the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient web page beginning January 1, 2023. This memo explains how you can have your models recognized.

In the interest of bringing more attention to these highly efficient models, EPA will be featuring ENERGY STAR Most Efficient models using its highly visited ENERGY STAR Product Finder. EPA is using certification data to recognize eligible models in the CAC-HP product category. To ensure recognition, models will need to meet the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient efficiency criteria, have 2 or more capacity stages, and meet 3 of the 6 installation criteria (or 2 of the 4 that apply to ductless units). All of this information can be confirmed automatically using your ENERGY STAR certification data, but please remember you must supply your certification body with information that confirms your model meets the installation criteria as the installation criteria are optional for ENERGY STAR certification but required for ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2023 recognition.

Once you have a 2023 recognized model, EPA will share the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2023 designation and usage guidelines. The ENERGY STAR Most Efficient designation is intended to be used on point of purchase material, product literature, and websites but may not be applied to products or product packaging. Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in loss of recognition. If your models meet the ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2023 criteria and are on the ENERGY STAR certified product list but are not yet featured as ENERGY STAR Most Efficient, or if you have any other questions, please contact [MostEfficient@energystar.gov](mailto:MostEfficient@energystar.gov).

We look forward to working with you in 2023 to recognize your ENERGY STAR Most Efficient models.

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