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Dear ENERGY STAR® Commercial Ovens Brand Owner or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to provide you with the Final Version 2.2 ENERGY STAR Commercial Ovens specification that adds rack ovens to the list of eligible products. EPA would like to thank the many stakeholders who contributed valuable feedback that informed this specification revision process.

With the addition of rack ovens to the ENERGY STAR suite of commercial oven equipment, EPA will highlight for buyers the most efficient in both cooking and baking equipment. Single- and double-size gas rack ovens certified to the Version 2.2 specification offer end users as much as 15% in energy savings and $175/$385 per year, respectively, when compared to conventional models. If all rack ovens in the United States met these ENERGY STAR requirements, the savings in energy costs would grow to nearly $4.5 million each year and nearly 58 million pounds of annual greenhouse gas emissions would be prevented, equivalent to the emissions from more than 5,500 vehicles.

**Overview of Version 2.2 Specification**

On September 3, 2015, EPA distributed a Final Draft for stakeholder review. EPA received no comments on this draft and thus the Final Version 2.2 specification remains unchanged from the Final Draft. This specification was developed through a process that included the release of three draft specifications and an in-person stakeholder meeting during the 2015 National Restaurant Association Show. All Version 2.2 specification development materials are available on EPA's ENERGY STAR website at www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs (click on the Commercial Ovens “Version 2.2 is in development” link).

**Third-Party Certification**

Effective immediately, manufacturers may begin the certification process for single- and double-size, gas rack ovens. No action is required for currently certified commercial oven equipment. All new products must be certified by an EPA-recognized certification body (CB) before being labeled and marketed as ENERGY STAR. Upon satisfactory completion of all certification requirements, a CB will notify the Partner that the product is ENERGY STAR certified and will submit certified product data to EPA for listing on the ENERGY STAR website. For more information on the Third-party Certification program please visit www.energystar.gov/3rdpartycert.

Please note that ENERGY STAR partnership as a manufacturer is limited to organizations that own and/or license a brand name under which they sell eligible products in the United States and/or Canada. Partnership is not available to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) that do not sell directly to end users. OEMs may certify products on behalf of the ENERGY STAR brand owners/licensees; however, the brand owner must be the ENERGY STAR partner associated directly with the certified product models, since only partners are authorized to use the ENERGY STAR certification mark.
On behalf of EPA, I appreciate your participation in the development of this specification and look forward to working with each of you as you qualify and promote your energy-efficient equipment. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 564-2984 and Hesla.Kirsten@epa.gov or Adam Spitz, ICF International, at (916) 231-7685 and Adam.Spitz@icfi.com with any questions regarding this specification or the ENERGY STAR partnership.

Sincerely,

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