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Dear Commercial Oven Partner or Other Interested Stakeholder:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) welcomes your input on the Final Draft Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR® Commercial Oven specification. EPA would like to thank the many stakeholders who have invested time and effort over the past many months to contribute feedback that has informed this specification development process.

This Final Draft document outlines the proposed new energy efficiency requirements that Commercial Ovens would need to meet in order to earn the ENERGY STAR. It is intended that once final, this document will replace the current Version 1.1 specification. The anticipated effective date for the Version 2.0 requirements is January 1, 2014. Manufacturers may begin certifying Commercial Convection and Combination Ovens to the Version 2.0 specification as soon as it is final, April 1, 2013.

This draft reflects input received from stakeholders in response to the Draft 4 specification and discussions held during the ASTM technical committee meetings and North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM) Show in February.

Stakeholders expressed general support for the proposed convection oven and combination oven performance requirement levels, which remain unchanged from the previous Draft 4 proposal.

The Final Draft Version 2.0 specification reflects the following minor changes:

1. **Combination Oven Subtype Title**: This draft reflects the industry-accepted terminology used to identify smaller-capacity combination ovens.

2. **Scope**: EPA has expanded the list of “Excluded Products” to include dual-heat source combination ovens.

3. **Test Requirements: Product Family**: EPA has added language noting that the product family representative model and any models with the product family qualified as ENERGY STAR shall meet the Version 2.0 specification requirements.

4. **Test Method**: This draft includes a refinement to the ASTM test method intended to provide clarity for partners testing and certifying combination ovens under Version 2.0.

Important discussion topics, and EPA’s rationale for proposing the changes listed above, are highlighted in note boxes located throughout the draft specification.
Submittal of Written Comments
Comments on the Final Draft Version 2.0 specification should be submitted via email to commercialovens@energystar.gov by March 22, 2013. All comments received will be posted to the ENERGY STAR Product Development website, unless the submitter requests otherwise.

The exchange of ideas and information between EPA, industry, and other interested parties is critical to the success of ENERGY STAR. To track EPA’s progress in revising the ENERGY STAR Commercial Oven specification and to review comments, please visit the Product Development website at www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs (and click on the “Commercial Ovens Version 2.0” link).

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR. Please contact me at (202) 343-9046 and kent.christopher@epa.gov or Adam Spitz, ICF International, at (202) 862-1226 and adam.spitz@icfi.com with any questions or comments regarding this specification revision.

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