

In reply to the letter date November 22, 2013 regarding the proposal from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to sunset the ENERGY STAR specification for Battery Charging System (BCS) products effective June 3, 2014 and your requests for feedback on this proposal.

We have confirmed with our Category Business Manager that this proposal to stop the ENERGY STAR specification for Battery Charging System (BCS) products effective June 3, 2014, will not be a material impact as household battery chargers have declined in popularity.

We will be reaching out to our Battery Charging System (BCS) vendors and informing them, that they must stop using the ENERGY STAR name and ENERGY STAR mark in association with all BCS products manufactured on or after June 3, 2014.

Just to be clear, please confirm that this proposal is based on the manufacturing date and not the sales date.

Example: Therefore, products manufactured before the June 3, 2014 date are still ok to sell after the June 3, 2014 date, because they were manufactured before the deadline. We will remove the ENERGY STAR references on our Web site or in other collateral materials as these materials are reprinted or changed in the coming months.

Summary of Proposal:

1. ENERGY STAR certified BCS products and their manufacturers will continue to be recognized at www.energystar.gov until June 3, 2014.
#2. No new Partnership Agreements for the BCS program will be accepted by EPA as of January 6, 2014.
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#3. No new certified product information for the BCS program will be accepted by EPA as of January 6, 2014.
#4. No new promotional materials for BCS products (printed and electronic) that use the ENERGY STAR mark may be produced after January 3, 2014. Manufacturers are permitted to use up existing printed material, including packaging, in order to minimize waste.
#5. Manufacturers must stop using the ENERGY STAR name and ENERGY STAR mark in association with all BCS products manufactured on or after June 3, 2014.
#6. To minimize the cost of labeling changes and be in compliance by June 3, 2014, manufacturers of BCS products are encouraged to remove ENERGY STAR references on Web sites or in other collateral materials as these materials are reprinted or changed in the coming months.

Thank you.



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