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**International Harmonization: United States  
Department of Energy Test Procedures Rulemaking  
Process Overview**

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**Aligning Energy Efficiency Regulations for  
ICT Products: Developing a Strategic  
Approach  
Seoul, Korea  
18 July 2012**

## International Harmonization: US DOE Test Procedures Rulemaking Process Overview



APEC Conference on Aligning Efficiency Standards for ICT Products  
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## Appliance Standards Program Activities



- Establishes test procedures for measuring the energy efficiency of covered products.
  - Energy efficiency is often difficult to define, and requires different metrics for different products.
  - Test procedures must be carefully developed, so they can't be gamed.
- Establishes the mandatory standard levels for the energy efficiency of covered products.
  - The standard is defined in terms of the test procedures established by the Program.
  - Manufacturers (including importers) must test their products using the DOE test procedure, and it must meet the standard level to be sold in the U.S.
- Enforces the standards.
  - DOE can order manufacturers to take corrective action if their products do not meet the standard levels.
  - This can include ordering them not to sell the products in the United States.

(c) Dishwashers. (1) The Estimated Annual Operating Cost (EAOC) for dishwashers must be rounded to the nearest dollar per year and is defined as follows:

(i) When cold water (50 °F) is used,

(A) For dishwashers having a truncated normal cycle as defined in section 1.15 of appendix C to this subpart,

$$EAOC = (D_1 \times S) + (D_2 \times N \times M) - (E \times 211)$$

(B) For dishwashers not having a truncated normal cycle,

$$EAOC = (D_1 \times S) + (D_2 \times N \times M)$$

Where,

$D_1$  = the representative average unit cost of electrical energy, in dollars per kilowatt-hour, as provided by the Secretary.

Product class	Standard level
Standard Storage	For units with a Rated Storage Volume at or below 50 gal: $0.0175 \times (0.0015 + \text{Rated Storage Volume in gal})$ For units with a Rated Storage Volume above 50 gal: $0.0175 \times (0.0015 + \text{Rated Storage Volume in gal}) - 0.0005$
Electric Storage	For units with a Rated Storage Volume at or below 50 gal: $0.0175 \times (0.0015 + \text{Rated Storage Volume in gal})$ For units with a Rated Storage Volume above 50 gal: $0.0175 \times (0.0015 + \text{Rated Storage Volume in gal}) - 0.0005$
Gas Storage	$0.0175 \times (0.0015 + \text{Rated Storage Volume in gal})$
Non-Standard Storage	$0.0175 \times (0.0015 + \text{Rated Storage Volume in gal})$

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In the Matter of: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number 2010-02-0104  
Advanced Distribution Products

**NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE DETERMINATION**

**CERTIFICATION**

Manufacturers of certain covered products are required to certify compliance with the applicable energy conservation standards through submission of a compliance statement and a certification report. 10 CFR 430.412, Sec 42 U.S.C. 6276. The compliance statement is a legal statement by the manufacturer that the information provided in its certification report is true, accurate and complete, that the items are certified under the applicable energy conservation standard, that the energy efficiency information listed in the report is true and correct, and that the manufacturer will continue to comply with 10 CFR 430.412, 430.413, and all the requirements with respect to the products associated with violation of the statute and will notify DOE immediately if the Federal Government.

DOE Covered Products
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U.S. Legislation explicitly specifies 84 DOE “covered products” and provides DOE authority to promulgate test procedures and efficiency standards.

NAECA (1975)	EPACT 1992	EPACT 2005	EISA 2007
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Refrigerators, Freezers and Refrigerator-Freezers</li> <li>2. Room Air Conditioners</li> <li>3. Central Air Conditioners and Central Air Conditioning Heat Pumps</li> <li>4. Residential Water heaters</li> <li>5. Pool heaters (Gas Fired)</li> <li>6. Direct heating equipment</li> <li>7. Furnaces</li> <li>8. Residential Boilers</li> <li>9. Small Furnaces</li> <li>10. Mobile Home Furnace</li> <li>11. Dishwashers</li> <li>12. Residential Clothes washers</li> <li>13. Clothes dryers</li> <li>14. Kitchen ranges and ovens</li> <li>15. Fluorescent lamp ballasts</li> <li>16. Television Sets</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General service incandescent lamp</li> <li>2. General service fluorescent lamp</li> <li>3. Incandescent reflector lamp</li> <li>4. Electric Motors and Pumps</li> <li>5. Large &amp; Small commercial package air conditioning and heating equipment</li> <li>6. Single package vertical air conditioners &amp; heat pumps</li> <li>7. Commercial warm air furnaces</li> <li>8. Packaged boilers</li> <li>9. Storage Water Heaters</li> <li>10. Packaged terminal air conditioners &amp; heat pumps</li> <li>11. Showerheads</li> <li>12. Faucets</li> <li>13. Water closets</li> <li>14. Urinals</li> <li>15. Distribution Transformers</li> <li>16. High-intensity discharge lamps</li> <li>17. Small Electric Motors</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ceiling Fans &amp; Light Kits</li> <li>2. Medium Base Compact Fluorescent Lamps</li> <li>3. Dehumidifiers</li> <li>4. Very large commercial package air conditioning and heating equipment (ASHRAE)</li> <li>5. Unit Heaters</li> <li>6. Automatic commercial ice makers</li> <li>7. Commercial refrigerators, freezers, and refrigerator-freezers</li> <li>8. Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machines</li> <li>9. Commercial clothes washers</li> <li>10. Battery Chargers</li> <li>11. Furnace Fans</li> <li>12. Illuminated Exit Signs</li> <li>13. Mercury Vapor Lamp Ballasts</li> <li>14. Torchieres</li> <li>15. Traffic Signal Modules and Pedestrian Modules</li> <li>16. Commercial Prerinse Spray Valves</li> <li>17. External Power Supplies, Class A</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2,601-3,300 Lumen General Service Incandescent Lamps</li> <li>2. 3-Way Incandescent Lamps</li> <li>3. Rough Service Lamps</li> <li>4. Shatter-Resistant Lamps</li> <li>5. Vibration Service Lamps</li> <li>6. Candelabra base incandescent lamp</li> <li>7. Intermediate base incandescent lamp</li> <li>8. Metal Halide Lamp Ballasts</li> <li>9. Metal halide Lamp Fixtures</li> <li>10. Microwave Ovens</li> <li>11. Walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers</li> <li>12. External Power Supplies, non-Class A</li> <li>13. LED Lamps</li> <li>14. OLED Lamps</li> </ol>

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New Covered Products
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Additionally, legislation (42 USC 6295(i) provides DOE authority to establish efficiency standards for new covered products provided:

- Average annual per-household energy use exceeds 100 kWh/year to be a covered product
- Can establish efficiency standards for covered products where average annual per-household energy use exceeds 150 kWh/year and aggregate annual energy use exceeds 4.2 million kWh nationally.




**NOTE: Computers and other Information Technology Products are not currently covered products.**


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## Collaboration with ENERGY STAR


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- Working with EPA, DOE leads test procedure development and some testing/verification for ENERGY STAR.
  - *DOE generally uses the same test procedure for appliance standards and ENERGY STAR.*
  - *DOE conducts some testing and enforcement for ENERGY STAR products that don't meet the required efficiency levels.*
  - *DOE has tested over 260 products through its pilot verification program to ensure that products bearing the ENERGY STAR logo deliver the energy savings consumers expect.*



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December 9, 2010


Ms. Leslie Jones  
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Dear Ms. Jones:

On October 20, 2010, the United States Department of Energy (DOE) notified Electrolux Major Appliance (Electrolux) that DOE had tested the Frigidaire brand chest freezer model FFN09MSHW\* manufactured by Electrolux as part of the ENERGY STAR Testing Pilot Program, and that, according to Stage I testing, this model exceeded allowable ENERGY STAR energy-efficiency requirements by 20 percent. DOE gave Electrolux until November 1, 2010, to request additional testing or have this matter referred to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for disqualification from the ENERGY STAR program.

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## EPA–DOE Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)


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- On September 30, 2009, EPA and DOE signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) designed to enhance and strengthen the ENERGY STAR program

EPA: Brand Manager	DOE: Technical Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Products</li> <li>• Performance Levels</li> <li>• Marketing &amp; Outreach</li> <li>• Product Database</li> <li>• Monitoring &amp; Verification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test Methods</li> <li>• Metrics</li> <li>• Monitoring &amp; Verification</li> </ul>

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## ENERGY STAR & DOE PRODUCTS

New or revised test methods will be completed for all 54 ENERGY STAR products by 2015.

- Ensures metrics are consistent with future Federal standards.
- Provides head start for future DOE covered products.

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## DOE Regulatory Test Procedure Development Process

**The approach to test-procedure development encourages continuous improvement of test procedures.**

Rule Initiation

Define Objectives

Address Key Issues

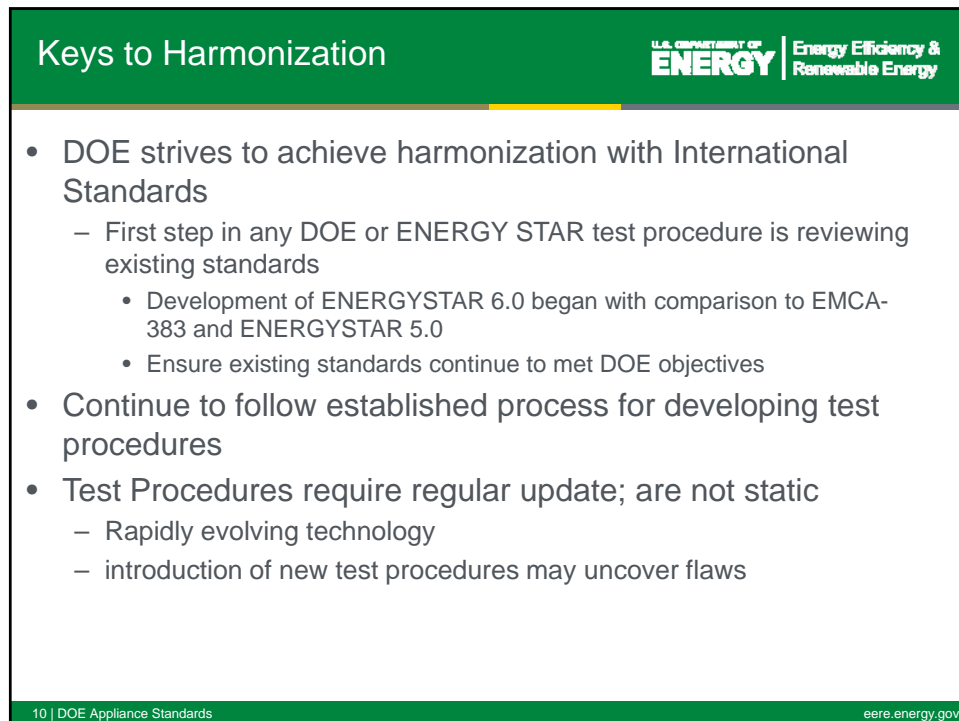
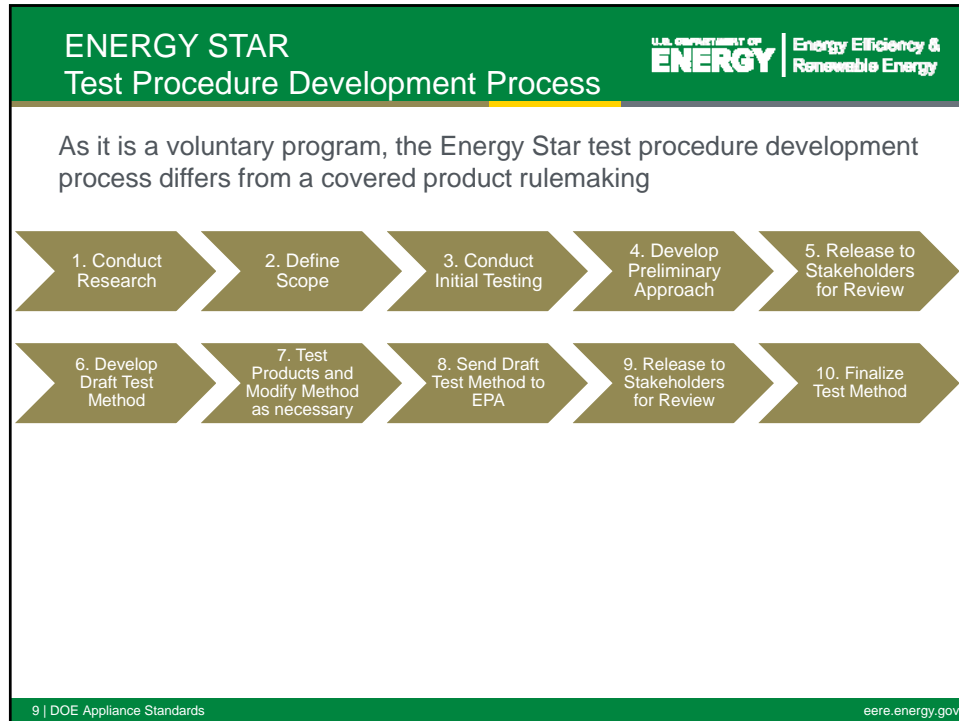
Publish NOPR

Collect Comments

Publish Final Rule

<p><b>Rulemaking Triggers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting a Standards Rulemaking</li> <li>• Periodic Review</li> <li>• Mandated Link to Industry Test Procedure</li> <li>• Petition</li> <li>• DOE Recognition of Need</li> <li>• Deferral</li> <li>• Stakeholder Comments</li> <li>• Waivers</li> </ul>	<p><b>A good Test Procedure should:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be repeatable</li> <li>• Be reproducible</li> <li>• Be representative</li> <li>• Not be overly burdensome</li> <li>• Anticipate technology changes</li> <li>• Discourage circumvention</li> <li>• Harmonize with related TP</li> <li>• Consistent with Legal Authority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference industry and other test procedures?</li> <li>• Accurately measure current and future products?</li> <li>• Compare well with field data?</li> <li>• Address outstanding waivers?</li> <li>• Address stakeholder questions?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scope of coverage, definitions</li> <li>• Test set up, test conditions, and output metrics</li> <li>• Proposed method of testing</li> <li>• Solicit comments on any significant changes proposed</li> <li>• Round Robin Testing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and present at Public Meeting</li> <li>• Review and summarize comments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promulgates final test procedure</li> <li>• Address NOPR comments</li> <li>• Explain basis for test procedure</li> </ul>
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## Super-efficient Equipment and Appliance Deployment (SEAD)



Collaborations are government-to-government technical-level exchanges designed to support development, revision and implementation of equipment and appliance minimum energy performance standards, labeling specifications and test protocols.

### Participating economies

- US
- UK
- European Commission
- Canada
- Korea
- Japan
- India
- Australia
- China
- Germany
- Mexico
- South Africa
- Sweden
- UAE

### Collaborations

- Computers
- Network Standby
- Televisions
- Refrigeration
- Transformers
- Motors

### SEAD COMPUTER WORKING GROUP COLLABORATION

The collaboration is currently undertaking a data collection exercise to inform the development of standardized product definitions  
Collaboration project – Computer Testing Toolkit

#### Objectives:

- Reduce the effort required for an economy to implement an IEC test standard proposal
- Reduce testing expenses and time to market for globally traded products

#### Scope of Work:

- Draft a toolkit that provides an overview of the IEC standard, product scope, approaches to addressing product configurations, etc.
- Coordinate an expert review of the toolkit
- Hold a workshop to introduce the toolkit to policymakers

#### Schedule:

- Work to begin in September 2012
- Aim for completion in March 2013

## Engagement in DOE Process



- DOE test method development driven by stakeholder comments
- Active participate in DOE rulemaking process
- Engage all stakeholders (manufacturers, ee advocates, etc.) to build consensus
- Incorporation by reference
- Option for Negotiated Consensus Rulemaking
  - Negotiated Rulemaking Act
  - Collaboration with all stakeholders in advisory committee with mediator
  - Stakeholders have used DOE-developed analysis to focus on key issues and come to agreement on beneficial energy efficiency standards levels
  - The Department must review any such joint proposal recommendations for satisfaction of legislative requirements

## Strategies for Harmonization

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- Participate in an industry working group aimed at developing a standardized rulemaking, perform review drafts, or provide technical guidance
  - Potential duplication of efforts
  - Limitations exist during an active rulemaking
  - DOE Rulemaking process required by statute
  - Currently “observing member” of industry group developing test methods for consumer electronics (TVs and STBs)
- Consider DOE objectives are met
  - Repeatability
  - Reproducibility
  - Representative
- Ensure consistency with legislative requirements
  - Must include testing for all power modes (on, standby, off)
  - Provide sampling and testing condition requirements

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