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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 January 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

Title: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps

Reason for Addendum:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comment period changed - date:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure adopted - date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure published - date: 7 January 2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure enters into force - date: 6 February 2025; the amendments will be mandatory for product testing starting 7 July 2025. Manufacturers will be required to use the amended test procedure until the compliance date of any final rule establishing amended energy conservation standards based on the newly established test procedure. At such time, manufacturers will be required to begin using the newly established test procedure. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register on 6 February 2025.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Text of final measure available from ¹ : https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/final_measure/25_00367_00_e.pdf
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
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Description: This final rule amends the Federal test procedure for central air conditioners and heat pumps ("CAC/HPs") to incorporate by reference the latest versions of the applicable industry standards. Specifically, the Department of Energy (DOE) is incorporating by reference the latest version of the relevant industry consensus test standard, AHRI 210/240-2024 (I-P) for the current test procedure for CAC/HPs ("appendix M1") for measuring the current cooling and heating metrics—seasonal energy efficiency ratio 2 ("SEER2") and heating seasonal performance factor 2 ("HSPF2"). DOE is incorporating by reference the new industry consensus test standard, AHRI 1600-2024 (I-

¹ This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.

P), for a new test procedure ("appendix M2") for CAC/HPs that adopts two new metrics--seasonal cooling and off-mode rating efficiency ("SCORE") and seasonal heating and off-mode rating efficiency ("SHORE"). Testing to the SCORE and SHORE metrics would not be required until such time as compliance is required with any amended energy conservation standard based on the new metrics. Additionally, DOE is amending certain provisions of DOE's regulations related to representations and enforcement for CAC/HPs.

The effective date of this rule is 6 February 2025. The amendments will be mandatory for product testing starting 7 July 2025. Manufacturers will be required to use the amended test procedure until the compliance date of any final rule establishing amended energy conservation standards based on the newly established test procedure. At such time, manufacturers will be required to begin using the newly established test procedure. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register on 6 February 2025.

90 Federal Register (FR) 1224; 7 January 2025; [Title 10](#) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [429](#) and [Part 430](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-01-07/html/2024-30852.htm>

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This final rule and the notice of proposed rulemaking notified as [G/TBT/N/USA/552/Rev.3](#) are identified by Docket Number EERE-2022-BT-TP-0028. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EERE-2022-BT-TP-0028/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](#) by searching the Docket Number.
