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Signed in Washington, DC, on October 15, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, DOE amends part 430 of chapter II, subchapter D, of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as set forth below:

PART 430—ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR CONSUMER PRODUCTS

- 1. The authority citation for part 430 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6291–6309; 28 U.S.C. 2461 note.

- 2. Amend appendix J to subpart B of part 430 by revising the introductory note to read as follows:

Appendix J to Subpart B of Part 430—Uniform Test Method for Measuring the Energy Consumption of Automatic and Semi-Automatic Clothes Washers

Note 1 to appendix J to subpart B of part 430: Manufacturers must use the results of testing under appendix J2 to this subpart to determine compliance with the residential clothes washer standards provided at § 430.32(g)(1) and the commercial clothes washer standards provided at § 431.156(b).

Manufacturers must use the results of testing under this appendix to determine compliance with the residential clothes washer standards provided at § 430.32(g)(2) and for any amended commercial clothes washer standards provided at § 431.156 that are published after January 1, 2022.

Any representations related to energy or water consumption of residential or commercial clothes washers must be made in accordance with the appropriate appendix that applies (*i.e.*, this appendix or appendix J2 to this subpart) when determining compliance with the relevant standard. Manufacturers may also use this appendix to certify compliance with the residential clothes washer standards provided at § 430.32(g)(2) or any amended standards for commercial clothes washers prior to the applicable compliance date for those standards.

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- 3. Amend appendix J2 to subpart B of part 430 by revising the introductory note to read as follows:

Appendix J2 to Subpart B of Part 430—Uniform Test Method for Measuring the Energy Consumption of Automatic and Semi-Automatic Clothes Washers

Note 1 to appendix J2 to subpart B of part 430: Manufacturers must use the results of testing under this appendix to determine compliance with the residential clothes washer standards provided at § 430.32(g)(1)

and the commercial clothes washer standards provided at § 431.156(b).

Manufacturers must use the results of testing under Appendix J to this subpart to determine compliance with the residential clothes washer standards provided at § 430.32(g)(2) and for any amended commercial clothes washer standards provided at § 431.156 that are published after January 1, 2022.

Any representations related to energy or water consumption of residential or commercial clothes washers must be made in accordance with the appropriate appendix that applies (*i.e.*, appendix J to this subpart or this appendix) when determining compliance with the relevant standard.

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Note: The following appendix will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Appendix A

May 16, 2024

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Re: Residential Clothes Washers Energy

Conservation Standards
DOE Docket No. EERE–2017–BT–STD–0014
Dear Assistant General Counsel Grace-Tardy:

I am responding to your March 18, 2024 letter seeking the views of the Attorney General about the potential impact on competition of proposed energy conservation standards for residential clothes washers.

Your request was submitted under Section 325(o)(2)(B)(i)(V) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (EPCA), 42 U.S.C. 6295(o)(2)(B)(i)(V), which requires the Attorney General to make a determination of the impact of any lessening of competition that is likely to result from the imposition of proposed energy conservation standards. The Attorney General's responsibility for responding to requests from other departments about the effect of a program on competition has been delegated to the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division in 28 CFR 0.40(g). The Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division has authorized me, as the Policy Director for the Antitrust Division, to provide the Antitrust Division's views regarding the potential impact on competition of proposed energy conservation standards on his behalf.

In conducting its analysis, the Antitrust Division examines whether a proposed standard may lessen competition, for example, by substantially limiting consumer choice, by placing certain manufacturers at an unjustified competitive disadvantage, or by inducing avoidable inefficiencies in production or distribution of particular products. A lessening of competition could result in higher prices to manufacturers and consumers.

We have reviewed the proposed standards contained in the Notice of proposed rulemaking (89 FR 18836), Direct Final Rule (89 FR 19026), and the related Technical Support Documents. We have also reviewed

public comments and information provided by industry participants.

Based on this review, our conclusion is that the proposed energy conservation standards for residential clothes washers are unlikely to have a significant adverse impact on competition.

Sincerely,

/s/

David G.B. Lawrence,

Policy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 430

[EERE–2014–BT–STD–0005]

RIN 1904–AF57

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Conventional Cooking Products

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Publication of determination.

SUMMARY: The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended, requires that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) make a determination on the impact, if any, of any lessening of competition likely to result from an energy conservation standard and that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) publish such determination in the **Federal Register**. DOE published a direct final rule and accompanying notice of proposed rulemaking for consumer conventional cooking products on February 14, 2024. In accordance with EPCA, DOE is publishing DOJ's determination of the impact, if any, the energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products will have on competition.

DATES: The DOJ determination is dated April 9, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 14, 2024, DOE published a direct final rule (89 FR 11434) and accompanying notice of proposed rulemaking (89 FR 11548) for consumer conventional cooking products. The Energy Conservation and Policy Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6291, *et seq.*; “EPCA”), as amended, requires that DOJ make a determination of the impact, if any, of any lessening of competition likely to result from an energy conservation standard. (42 U.S.C. 6295(o)(2)(B)(ii)) EPCA also requires that DOE publish the determination in the **Federal Register**. *Id.*

On April 9, 2024, DOJ sent DOE a determination that the energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products are unlikely to have a significant adverse impact on competition. DOE is publishing DOJ’s determination at the end of this document.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 10, 2024, by Jeffrey Marootian, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 15, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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Appendix A

April 9, 2024

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Re: Consumer Conventional Cooking
Products Energy Conservation Standards
DOE Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-STD-0005

Dear Assistant General Counsel Grace-Tardy:

I am responding to your February 16, 2024, letter seeking the views of the Attorney

General about the potential impact on competition of proposed energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products.

Your request was submitted under Section 325(o)(2)(B)(i)(V) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (EPCA), 42 U.S.C. 6295(o)(2)(B)(i)(V), which requires the Attorney General to determine the impact of any lessening of competition that is likely to result from the imposition of proposed energy conservation standards. The Attorney General’s responsibility for responding to requests from other departments about the effect of a program on competition has been delegated to the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division in 28 CFR 0.40(g). The Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division has authorized me, as the Policy Director for the Antitrust Division, to provide the Antitrust Division’s views regarding the potential impact on competition of proposed energy conservation standards on his behalf.

In conducting its analysis, the Antitrust Division examines whether a proposed standard may lessen competition, for example, by substantially limiting consumer choice, by placing certain manufacturers at an unjustified competitive disadvantage, or by inducing avoidable inefficiencies in production or distribution of particular products. A lessening of competition could result in higher prices to manufacturers and consumers.

We have reviewed the proposed standards contained in the direct final rulemaking, the notice of proposed rulemaking (89 FR 11548, February 14, 2024) and the related Technical Support Documents. We have also reviewed public comments and information provided by industry participants.

Based on this review, our conclusion is that the proposed energy conservation standards for consumer conventional cooking products are unlikely to have a significant adverse impact on competition.

Sincerely,

/s/

David G.B. Lawrence,
Policy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

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RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain

Airbus SAS Model A330-800 and A330-900 series airplanes. This AD was prompted by a report of a protective cap found still in place on the drain hole of a fire extinguishing pipe, and by further investigations indicating these caps may have remained on other airplanes. This AD requires a one-time general visual inspection (GVI) of the engine fire extinguishing pipe drain hole and, depending on findings, removal of the protective cap, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective November 25, 2024.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of November 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES:

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-0233; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADS@easa.europa.eu; website easa.europa.eu. You may find this material on the EASA website at ad.easa.europa.eu.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available in the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2024-0233.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR