

An Update on Standards and Test Procedures for Clothes Dryers

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Overview

- Consensus agreement between AHAM and efficiency advocates
- Final rules for clothes dryer test procedures and standards
- DOE request for information and joint petition
- Process for amending DOE test procedure

Consensus Agreement

- Consensus agreement negotiated between AHAM and efficiency advocates in 2010
 - New standards for refrigerators and freezers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, room air conditioners, and dishwashers
 - Joint test procedure recommendations for three products including clothes dryers
 - *“DOE should modify the test procedure to address the effectiveness of automatic termination controls”*

Final Rules for Clothes Dryer Test Procedures and Standards

- DOE test procedures final rule issued in January 2011
 - Amendments did not incorporate effectiveness of automatic termination controls
- DOE direct final rule issued in April 2011
 - 5% efficiency improvement
 - Based on consensus agreement
 - Effective date: January 2015

DOE Request for Information and Joint Petition

- DOE issued RFI in August 2011
 - Test procedure & automatic termination
- Joint petition submitted by AHAM and efficiency advocates
 - Recommendation to amend test procedures to measure the energy use of the full dryer cycle

Process for Amending DOE Test Procedure

- 7-year review provision
- *“If the Secretary determines, on his own behalf or in response to a petition by any interested person, that a test procedure should be prescribed or amended, the Secretary shall promptly publish in the Federal Register proposed test procedures”*
- Proposed rule: \geq 60-day comment period
- Final rule