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NRCan Modifies Energy Star Policy

Natural Resources Canada Office of Energy Efficiency has recently modified its policy on ENERGY STAR qualified heating and cooling equipment. In the past, retailers and manufacturers were allowed to maintain the ENERGY STAR symbol on equipment which no longer met the ENERGY STAR qualifications for a period of 3 months after the effective date of the revised specifications. After the 3 month period had passed, retailers were required to remove the ENERGY STAR symbol appearing on models that no longer met the requirements.

After consulting with industry, NRCan has decided to adopt the same policy as the ENERGY STAR Program in the U.S., which allows for an open-ended "sell-through" period. This implies that once a model receives the ENERGY STAR symbol, retailers no longer need to remove it after the 3-month period has passed. It is important to note that while these models can still retain the symbol, it is strictly prohibited to market them as ENERGY STAR qualified if they no longer meet new specifications. The NRCan database will continue to list eligible models, so in the event where a customer is unsure of the status of that model, we encourage you to direct them to the NRCan website at www.nrcan.gc.ca. Also, organizations with a rebate program may decide to include the past-eligible models for a certain period of time after the revised specifications are in effect.

For more information on the Energy Star program, contact Stéphane LeBlanc, Senior Standards Program Officer, Equipment Division, Office of Energy Efficiency, Natural Resources Canada, Tel: (613) 947-2319, Fax: (613) 947-5286, E-mail: stleblan@nrcan.gc.ca.

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