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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 17 July 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

TITLE: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy

ACTION: Notification of administrative stay

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has postponed the effectiveness of certain provisions of a final rule, published in the Federal Register on 5 January 2017, that amends the test procedure and specific certification, compliance, and enforcement provisions for central air conditioners and heat pumps. Specifically, DOE postponed the effectiveness of two provisions of a recently issued rule that require outdoor unit models to be tested under the outdoor unit with no match if they meet either of the two following conditions: The outdoor unit is approved for use with a refrigerant that has a 95 [deg]F midpoint saturation absolute pressure that is +/- 18 percent of the 95 [deg]F saturation absolute pressure for HCFC-22; or the unit is shipped requiring the addition of more than two pounds of refrigerant to meet the charge required for testing under the rule and the factory charge is not equal to or greater than 70% of the outdoor unit internal volume times the liquid density of refrigerant at 95 [deg]F.

DATES: As of 3 July 2017, the effectiveness of certain provisions of 10 CFR 429.16(a)(3)(i) was postponed under 5 U.S.C. 705.

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/USA/17_3210_00_e.pdf
