

Energy Efficiency in USA - California



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Introduction

In 2007, California revised its “Appliance Efficiency Regulations,” which establish standards for twenty-one broad categories of appliances, including power supplies and consumer audio and video equipment. The Regulations include mandatory testing methods, and requirements for product certification and marking. To be legally sold or offered for sale within California, products covered by the Regulations must comply with the applicable performance standards and procedural requirements. The California Energy Commission is charged with developing, revising and implementing the Regulations. The Commission is also responsible for the maintenance of a database of efficiency performance test results, periodic inspections, and enforcement actions.

Acting under an “environmentally preferable products” procurement law, the California state government has adopted the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (“EPEAT”) system to guide its purchases of personal computers and monitors.

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