



Retailers and Distributors

What the California Appliance Efficiency Regulations Mean to Your Business

What You Need to Know

If you sell or offer new electricity- or water-using products to California customers, then the California Energy Commission's Appliance Efficiency Regulations* likely apply to you. Whether you sell to consumers, retailers, or installers, it's important to be sure that the regulated products you sell are listed in the Energy Commission's Appliance Efficiency Database.

Why does this matter to me?

Simply put, only regulated products that have been tested, certified, and listed in the appliance efficiency database may be legally sold or offered for sale in California.

How do I know if a product complies?

Manufacturers must test products regulated under the Appliance Efficiency Regulations using required test methods and submit the results to the Energy Commission. Once the Energy Commission has received verification that a product meets the requirements, the product is entered into an online appliance efficiency database found at www.appliances.energy.ca.gov. The database allows you to verify which models of regulated products are legal to sell or offer for sale in California. If it's listed, it's legal. If you're not sure or have a question, we're here to help.

What types of products do the Appliance Efficiency Regulations cover?

The regulations cover about 23 product categories, including:

- Air conditioners, heaters, and fans
- Battery charger systems
- Clothes washers and dryers
- Cooking products and food service equipment
- Dishwashers
- Distribution transformers
- Electric motors
- Lighting products
- Plumbing fittings and fixtures
- Pool and spa equipment
- External power supplies
- Refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers
- Televisions, and consumer audio and video equipment
- Water heaters

Learn more

You can find detailed information about the Appliance Efficiency Program and download a copy of the Appliance Efficiency Regulations at www.energy.ca.gov/appliances.

For specific questions, please contact the Energy Commission at appliances@energy.ca.gov.

*California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Sections 1601-1608.

Why does California require that products meet stringent efficiency standards?

With electricity and water supplies at a premium, California's Appliance Efficiency Program offers a proven path to reducing energy and water consumption. The program, which began in 1976, has helped the State stabilize per-capita **electricity consumption during a time** that electricity use in the rest of the country **grew by 60 percent per person**.