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Dear ENERGY STAR® Central Air Conditioner and Air Source Heat Pump Stakeholders:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to remind stakeholders that as of January 1, 2022, EPA-recognized certification bodies (CBs) are required to cease certification of new Central Air Conditioners and Air Source Heat Pumps to the Version 5.0 specification and may only certify Central Air Conditioners and Air Source Heat Pumps to the Version 6.0 specification. EPA also expects the [Version 6.1 specification](#) (modified in light of new market information) to be available in early January, at which time new products should be certified to that version. Certification bodies may continue submitting administrative modifications to existing Central Air Conditioners and Air Source Heat Pumps certifications to the Version 5.0 specification until January 1, 2023. After this date, only Central Air Conditioners and Air Source Heat Pumps certified to the Version 6.0 specification will appear on the ENERGY STAR website and certified products list.

CBs must notify EPA by December 31, 2021 of models certified to Version 5.0, but not yet submitted to EPA, along with information on when data will be submitted. Failure to do so will result in QPX blocking submissions of these products to EPA.

Please contact EPA at cacashp@energystar.gov with any questions regarding the specification. CBs should direct questions concerning the submittal of certified Central Air Conditioner and Air Source Heat Pumps to Certification@energystar.gov.

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