Dear Charlie,

First and foremost, thank you for your continued support and valuable participation to the ENERGY STAR program. We appreciated your sharing concerns from some of your members regarding delays of equipment and components needed to manufacture more efficient commercial ovens that will meet the forthcoming Version 3.0 criteria. Based on the analysis completed well in advance of the publication of the Final Version 3.0 specification, the Agency recognized several makes and models that meet the revised performance levels and are already available on the market meaning no redesign is need. To delay the effective date now will disadvantage leader companies who have more efficient models today. Partners are welcome to certify their products to Version 3.0 as soon as their models are ready. EPA is sympathetic to the challenges associated with obtaining certain raw materials and components, but is maintaining the specification effective date of January 12, 2023. If NAFEM or your members have further questions, please reach out. Thank you again for your efforts to deliver energy savings to customers and the environment.

Kind regards-

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