



Regional Standards Enforcement Developed



The Department of Energy appointed Regional Standards Enforcement Working Group has come to agreement on an enforcement plan for the new regional efficiency standards. The proposal will still need to be approved by a committee and then complete the formal rulemaking process, but it is the opinion of HARDI that the information provided below will be implemented.

Although the standard only impacts distributors in the south and southwest regions of the United States, the enforcement and record keeping requirements will apply to ALL distributors nationwide.

Below is a summary of the enforcement policy as it impacts distributor:

Compliant Product (14 SEER Interpretation) in the South & Southwest Regions:

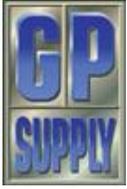
- Least efficient rating combination for a specified model of condensing unit must be 14 in the SE and SW regions.
- Least efficient rating combination for a specified model of condensing unit must meet minimum EER requirement in the SW region.
- Any condensing unit model that has a certified combination that is below the regional standard cannot be installed in the region.
- A condensing unit model certified below a regional standard by the OEM cannot be installed in a region subject to regional standard(s) even with an ICM indoor coil or air handler combination that may have a certified rating meeting the applicable regional standard

By November 30, 2015 A Distributors MUST maintain the following records for ALL outdoor condensing units and single packed a/c:

- Manufacturer, model and serial number
- For all such units:
 - date unit was purchased from manufacturer
 - party from whom the unit was purchased, including company or individual's name, full address and phone number
 - date unit was sold to dealer/contractor
 - party to whom the unit was sold, including company or individual's name, full address and phone number
 - if delivered, delivery address

Distributors may violate the standard by doing the following:

- knowingly sell a product to a contractor or dealer with knowledge that the entity will sell and/or install the product in violation of any regional standard applicable to the product



- knowingly sell a product to a contractor or dealer with knowledge that the entity routinely violates any regional standard applicable to the product

HARDI will be making a more detailed analysis of this agreement, including its impact throughout the channel available in the near future, but would stress this topic will be covered extensively in multiple sessions (Distributor Town Hall, Government Affairs Briefing and HVAC Council) at the HARDI Annual Conference and urges all impacted members to consider attending to participate in these strategic briefings.

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