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**HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC RANGE PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION STANDARD GAINS ANSI APPROVAL**

WASHINGTON, DC (September 20, 2007)—The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) is pleased to announce that its performance evaluation procedure for household electric ranges has gained approval from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an American National Standard. The ANSI approved standard will be known as the ANSI/AHAM ER-1-2007, Performance Evaluation Procedure for Household Electric Ranges. ANSI/AHAM ER-1-2007 is an updated version of AHAM's previous electric range standard, AHAM ER-1-1992. Only minor editorial changes were made to the new edition.

This standard establishes a uniform, repeatable procedure or standard method for evaluating the performance of household electric ranges. The standard methods provide a means to compare and evaluate different brands and models of household electric ranges regarding characteristics significant to product use. The standard methods are not intended to inhibit improvement and innovation in product testing, design or performance.

AHAM is an accredited Standards Development Organization (SDO) through the American National Standards Institute. Selected AHAM standards are processed through the ANSI process, requiring extensive review and balloting by a balanced group of stakeholders.

The ANSI/AHAM-ER-1-2007 standard and all other AHAM performance standards are available for purchase at <http://www.aham.org/ht/d/Store/name/MAJOR>

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