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HOUSEHOLD REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION STANDARD GAINS ANSI APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, DC (November 2, 2007)—AHAM is pleased to announce that its performance evaluation procedure for household refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers and freezers 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 HRF-1-2007, *Energy, Performance and Capacity of Household Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers and Freezers*.

This standard supersedes the 2004 edition and contains: methods for computing total volume, volume of special features and shelf area; energy consumption and energy factor of household refrigerators, household wine chillers and household freezers; performance test procedures and recommended levels of performance; durability and condensate test procedures; and safety of household refrigerators, household wine chillers and household freezers. Results of tests in accordance with this standard may be publicly stated.

The revised standard contains an insertion which clarifies how the test method is intended to be used in order to provide an accurate energy calculation. It specifies that conditions which occur in a typical home should be simulated during the energy test. A summary of other revisions to the standard is available upon request. In addition, AHAM formally requested that the U.S. Department of Energy incorporate the AHAM language into its refrigerator and freezer test procedures as a clarification of how these products energy use should be measured. DOE has already indicated it will incorporate this language in its Energy Star program for refrigerator-freezers in 2008.

AHAM's HRF-1 Task Force, which is responsible for updating this standard, has commenced a new revision cycle for this newly accredited standard. The Task Force will be looking at compartment testing temperatures, the method of calculating volume and the incorporation of hybrid products into the next standard, which is not expected to be available until late 2008.

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-HRF-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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