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AHAM VERIFICATION SERVICES EXPAND TO COVER CLOTHES WASHERS AND DISHWASHERS

WASHINGTON, DC (August 3, 2011)— The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) announced today the official launch of two new third party programs to verify manufacturer energy efficiency and water consumption ratings for clothes washers and dishwashers. These programs will validate the energy ratings made by manufacturers through random testing conducted by an independent laboratory. The programs are open to AHAM members and non-members alike.

While participation in these programs, like all AHAM verification programs, is voluntary, AHAM has commitments from five major appliance manufacturers eligible for participation in each of these programs. The lists of program licensees will be updated as companies join the [Clothes Washer](#) and [Dishwasher](#) Verification Programs. Presently, licensees in the Clothes Washer Verification Program include Alliance Laundry Systems, GE Appliances & Lighting, Miele Inc., Samsung Electronics America, Inc. and Whirlpool Corporation. For Dishwashers, licensees include GE Appliances & Lighting, Miele Inc., Samsung Electronics America, Inc., Viking Range Corporation and Whirlpool Corporation.

AHAM has been working closely with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the US Department of Energy (DOE) to put in place credible third-party verification programs that are consistent with DOE test procedures, which are the basis for measuring appliance energy use for both DOE appliance standards and for ENERGY STAR. AHAM is an EPA recognized Verification Administrator.

Joseph M. McGuire, AHAM president, stated, “The appliance industry is committed to strengthening confidence among the public and government in appliance energy and water use claims. AHAM’s long history of administering third party verification services will add assurances that products have been independently tested and will match the energy claims by the manufacturer.”

AHAM administers performance and energy efficiency verification programs for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers and freezers, room air conditioners, dehumidifiers and portable electric room air cleaners. The association is also developing standards to measure the sustainability of appliances in partnership with UL Environment and the Canadian Standards Association.

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The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) is a not-for-profit trade association representing manufacturers of major, portable and floor care home appliances, and suppliers to the industry and is headquartered in Washington, DC. You can visit the AHAM web site at <http://www.aham.org>