



IMPORTANT NOTICE

HOUSEHOLD REFRIGERATOR & FREEZER REGISTRATIONS ON THE ENERGY RATING WEBSITE

This is an important notice that affects all registrations of household refrigerators and freezers.

By 1 October 2011 all Refrigerator/Freezer registrations for energy performance must be confirmed as compliant with the amended test method AS/NZS4474.1 A2 and the amended regulatory standard AS/NZS4474.2 A1. Any registration not confirmed as compliant with the amended standards shall be grandfathered on 1 October 2011. Grandfathered products cannot legally be sold if manufactured or imported after the grandfathering date (1 October 2011).

You need to read, understand and act on this notice if you wish to continue to sell your refrigerator/freezer models beyond 1 October 2011.

Background

AS/NZS4474.1 Amendment 2 and AS/NZS4474.2 Amendment 1 were published in late March 2011. This notice is to inform registration holder of how these amendments will be implemented.

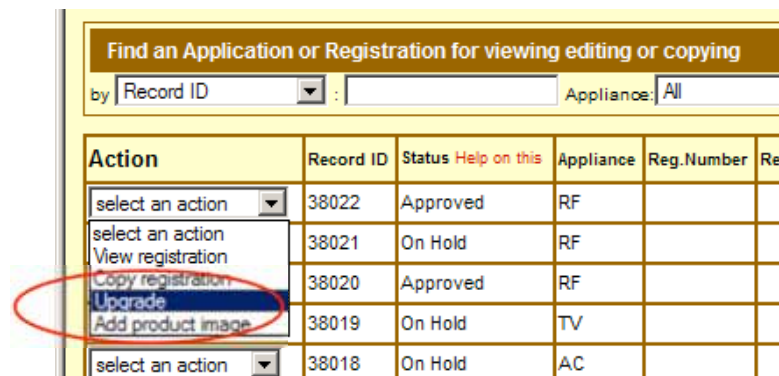
The amendments cover a number of technical issues and changes:

- Automatic ice makers - clarification of intent and change of test requirements for some configurations
- Adaptive Defrost - change of performance requirements
- Circumvention devices - now not permitted under any circumstances
- Automatic Anti Condensation Heaters - where the power is varied in response to changes in ambient conditions - this is a new section of the standard to deal with this new technology and suppliers must now declare this and provide information.
- Declared Automatic Controls - if there is a control that could affect the energy test, the suppliers must declare this and provide information.
- Low ambient compensation heaters - suppliers must now indicate if one is present.

AS/NZS4474.1 Amendment 2 should be consulted for the technical details. This can be downloaded for free from <http://infostore.saiglobal.com/store/>

The Part 2 amendment envisages that suppliers whose pre-existing registrations are "unaffected" by these amendments (i.e. their product fully complies with the amended standards) will be able to "upgrade" their approved registrations to the new amendments without having to re-register their products. Users can select the upgrade option from the

action pick list found in the left hand column of their registration listing (see screen shot below). This is only available for eligible registrations (see following sections). The upgrade feature in the on-line registration system to cover these amendments will be operational in mid June 2011.



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AS/NZS4474.2 Amendment 1 can be downloaded for free from <http://infostore.saiglobal.com/store/>

Transition Arrangements for Various Product Features

More details about each of the relevant changes and the use of the check box upgrade for existing registrations are included below.

Automatic Ice Makers

If the product has an automatic icemaker, an upgrade is permitted only if none of conditions in AS/NZS4474.1 Paragraph C2.8.3 apply.

Adaptive Defrost

If the product is claiming an adaptive defrost allowance for MEPS, an upgrade is permitted only if the supplier can confirm compliance with new adaptive defrost requirements in AS/NZS4474.1 Clause 3.8(c) and 3.8(d) (otherwise the product has to be re-registered without claiming the adaptive defrost allowance).

Circumvention devices

The supplier is asked whether these are present. If any circumvention device is present, an upgrade is not permitted nor is a new registration permitted.

Automatic Anti Condensation Heaters

Where this feature is present, the registration cannot be upgraded - the product must be re-registered (as the new requirements are too complex for a check box upgrade).

Declared Automatic Controls

Relevant information about these must be supplied during a registration upgrade, if they are present.

Operational Issues Regarding the Transition

DCCEE will contact all registration holders by email to notify them of technical changes in the standard. The registration system modified to include these amendments will be available from mid June 2011. On line upgrades to the amendments will remain open until 30 September 2011. Upgrades will only be permitted for records that are currently approved.

On completion of an on line upgrade, the record will remain approved and the regulator will receive an email notification of the upgrade. The date of upgrade will be separately recorded.

Standard run-out provisions will apply for all records upgraded using the check box system from June 2011 to 30 September 2011. Initially the expiry date will be set to 31 March 2013 for upgraded records. See <http://www.energyrating.gov.au/pubs/runout-notice-nov-2010.pdf> for details of standard run-out provisions.