

RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

Whereas the Governments of Canada, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia (the Parties) resolve to:

PROMOTE an open, efficient, and stable domestic market for long-term job creation, economic growth, and stability;

REDUCE AND ELIMINATE, to the extent possible, barriers to the free movement of persons, goods, services, and investments within Canada;

Recognizing that differing federal and provincial (where regulations exist in British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia) energy efficiency requirements for household appliances could represent a barrier to interprovincial trade.

Acknowledging that reconciled federal and provincial energy efficiency requirements for household appliances would provide industry with a consistent regulatory regime in all jurisdictions supporting the objectives of the Canada Free Trade Agreement.

Whereas the **Government of Canada** has recently updated Energy Efficiency Regulations (SOR/2016-311) through Amendments 14 and 16 regarding standards for household appliances.

Whereas the **Government of Ontario** has set minimum efficiency standards for household appliances through its regulation *Energy and Water Efficiency – Appliances and Products* (O.Reg. 509/18).

Whereas the **Government of Quebec** has recently amended standards set out in the *Regulation respecting the energy efficiency of electrical or hydrocarbon-fuelled appliances* (chapter N-1.01, r. 1) in order to reconcile differing requirements for several categories of appliances with those of the Government of Canada.

Whereas the **Government of Manitoba** in its *Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan* includes a call for the provincial government to collaborate with its federal, provincial and territorial partners to rise and harmonize its product standards that improve the energy efficiency of residential buildings.

Whereas the energy efficiency regulations of the Governments of Canada, Ontario and Quebec for household appliances are now aligned.

All Parties agree to be bound by this Agreement and any amendments thereto.

1. Regulatory measures being reconciled and means to achieve reconciliation as set out under CFTA Annex 404 (14) (b)

The **Government of British Columbia** commits to reconciling differing requirements for refrigerators, combination refrigerator-freezers and freezers.

1. **Regulatory measures being reconciled:** The *Energy Efficiency Standards Regulations* (B.C. Reg. 14/2015)

2. **The obligations to achieve reconciliation:** The *Energy Efficiency Standards Regulations* will be amended to mutually recognize standards for refrigerators, combination refrigerator-freezers and freezers with the Government of Canada.

The **Government of New Brunswick** commits to reconciling differing requirements for household appliances as follows:

1. **Regulatory measures being reconciled:** *Regulation 95-70*
2. **The obligations to achieve reconciliation:** The *Regulations* will be amended to align standards for household appliances with the Government of Canada.

The **Government of Nova Scotia** commits to reconciling differing requirements for household appliances as follows:

1. **Regulatory measures being reconciled:** The *Energy-efficient Appliances Regulations* (N.S. Reg. 400/2008)
2. **The obligations to achieve reconciliation:** The *Energy-efficient Appliances Regulations* will be amended to align standards for household appliances with the Government of Canada.

2. The extent to which the reconciliation agreement addresses the barrier identified.

The obligations to achieve reconciliation outlined above for the Governments of Canada, British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia would resolve potential barriers to inter-provincial trade of household appliances that result from misaligned standards.

3. Timeline for implementation

The obligations to achieve reconciliation outlined above will be implemented expeditiously by Governments in accordance with each jurisdiction's respective regulatory processes.

4. Process to address changes in circumstances

Governments commit to active collaboration on energy efficiency standards through action plans that are prepared annually for the Energy Mines and Ministers Conference and to exploring ways to avoid future misalignment of energy efficiency requirements for household appliances.

5. Date and signatures