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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

10 CFR Part 430

[Docket Number EE-RM/STD-98-440]

RIN 1904-AA77

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Energy Conservation Standards; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the preamble to a proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** of October 5, 2000, regarding Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Energy Conservation Standards. This correction revises the cost increase of a typical air conditioner, clarifies the conclusions on the emerging technology analysis, clarifies terminology in the discussion of niche products and corrects the docket number.

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Correction

In proposed rule document 00-25336, appearing on page 59590, in the issue of Thursday, October 5, 2000, the following corrections should be made:

(1) The Docket Line should appear as set forth above.

(2) On page 59590 in the first column of the **ADDRESSES** section, the first sentence is corrected to the following:

Please submit written comments, oral statements, and requests to speak at the public hearing to: Brenda Edwards-Jones, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Energy Conservation Program for Consumer

Products: Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps, Docket No. EE-RM/STD/STD-98-440, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.

(3) On page 59591 in the second column, in the third paragraph, the second sentence is corrected to the following:

For example, while the initial cost of a typical central air conditioner would increase by \$213 to \$274 or about 10-12%, the higher efficiency equipment would save enough over its life to pay for the increase in the price of the equipment plus an extra \$45.

(4) On page 59599, the second column, in the third paragraph, the first sentence is corrected to the following:

The emerging technology analysis based on reverse engineering information seems to confirm that, of the technologies considered, only variable capacity compressors and variable speed fan motors have the potential to be cost effective options for providing additional efficiency compared to today's established technologies.

(5) On page 59610, the third column, in the last paragraph, the first sentence is corrected to the following:

The Department encourages comments regarding whether the proposed standards concerning small-duct high-velocity, vertically-packaged wall-mounted equipment, and through-the-wall equipment provide a significant advantage to those products versus competing products, whether they are sufficient to preserve the unique features of those products, and whether improvements in the definitions are needed to prevent loopholes.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 31, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

15 CFR Chapter VII

[Docket No. 001013285-0285-01]

Effects of Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls

AGENCY: Bureau of Export Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments on foreign policy-based export controls.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) is reviewing the foreign policy-based export controls in the Export Administration Regulations to determine whether they should be modified, rescinded or extended. To help make these determinations, BXA is seeking comments on how existing foreign policy-based export controls have affected exporters and the general public.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments (three copies) should be sent to Kirsten Mortimer, Regulatory Policy Division, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 273, Washington, DC 20044.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Roberts, Director, Foreign Policy Controls Division, Bureau of Export Administration, Telephone: (202) 482-5400. Copies of the current Annual Foreign Policy Report to the Congress are available at our website: <http://www.bxa.doc.gov> and copies may also be requested by calling the Office of Strategic Trade and Foreign Policy Controls.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The current foreign policy controls maintained by the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) are set forth in the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), parts 742 (CCL Based Controls), 744 (End-User and End-Use Based Controls) and 746 (Embargoes and Special Country Controls). These controls apply to: high performance computers (§ 742.12); significant items (SI): hot section technology for the development, production, or overhaul of commercial aircraft engines, components, and systems (§ 742.14); encryption items (§ 742.15 and § 744.9); crime control and detection commodities (§ 742.7); specially designed implements of torture (§ 742.11); regional stability commodities and equipment (§ 742.6); equipment and related technical data used in the design, development, production, or use of missiles (§ 742.5 and § 744.3); chemical precursors and biological agents, associated equipment, technical data, and software related to the production of chemical and biological agents (§ 742.2 and § 744.4); activities of U.S. persons in transactions related to missile technology or