

## COMMERCIAL FOODSERVICE EQUIPMENT

# Summary

On March 26, 2021, the [Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy](#) was adopted by the Massachusetts legislature. This policy created the Appliance Energy and Water Efficiency Standards. The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) is responsible for all aspects of these standards, except for enforcement, which is managed by the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General.

Regulated products sold in Massachusetts are required to meet the specified performance, testing, marking, and certification requirements. Products that do not meet the minimum energy and water efficiency requirements cannot be sold in Massachusetts as of **January 1, 2022**. Manufacturers (brand owners) of commercial foodservice equipment will need to certify their products to the [Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships State Appliance Standards Database \(SASD\)](#) in order to be eligible for sale in the state.

Retailers, distributors, and installers of the following products should verify product compliance with state standards by locating product model numbers in the SASD:

### Overview of Commercial Foodservice Equipment Standards

Product Category	Standard & Test Procedure Requirements	States with the Same Requirements*	States with Similar Requirements*
Commercial Dishwashers	ENERGY STAR® V2.0	CO, DC, MD, NV, NJ, NY, OR, RI, VT, WA	
Commercial Fryers	ENERGY STAR® V2.0	CO, DC, NV, NJ, NY, OR, RI, VT, WA	
Commercial Hot Food Holding Cabinets	ENERGY STAR® V2.0	ME, NV, NJ, NY, RI, WA	CA, CO, CT, DC, MD, NH, OR, VT
Commercial Ovens	ENERGY STAR® V2.2	NV, NJ, NY, RI, WA	
Commercial Steam Cookers	ENERGY STAR® V1.2	CO, DC, MD, NV, NJ, NY, OR, RI, VT, WA	

\*This table was last updated on January 1, 2023.

For more information on specific requirements by state, visit [appliance-standards.org/states](https://appliance-standards.org/states).

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# Compliance Requirements

The Massachusetts legislature has adopted appliance and equipment efficiency regulations that impact what products can be eligible for sale in Massachusetts. These regulations became effective on **January 1, 2022**. Products in the following categories that do not meet the minimum energy and water efficiency requirements cannot be sold or installed in Massachusetts:

- Commercial dishwashers
- Commercial fryers
- Commercial hot food holding cabinets
- Commercial ovens
- Commercial steam cookers

### Roles and Responsibilities

The entire supply chain has responsibilities within the compliance process, including manufacturers (brand owners), distributors, dealers, retailers, installers, and contractors.

### MANUFACTURERS

Before selling products from any of the five commercial foodservice categories listed above into Massachusetts, manufacturers must:

- Ensure their products meet the efficiency requirements
- Test the products in accordance with the required test procedure
- Mark, label, or tag the product and packaging with the manufacturers name and brand name and the label specified in the standard requirements (if applicable)
- Certify the products to the [State Appliance Standards Database \(SASD\)](#)

### SASD Certification Instructions

- Create an account on the SASD using [these instructions](#)
- Once your account is approved, confirm the brands associated with your company (there may be products in the SASD already waiting for your approval)
- If there are additional products you'd like to certify, review the upload instructions found on the SASD under [Resources > Compliance FAQ](#)
- Upload product data using the template provided on the Product Import page
- Receive notification that product data has been approved or denied

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## DISTRIBUTORS, DEALERS, RETAILERS, INSTALLERS, AND CONTRACTORS

Distributors, dealers, retailers, installers, and contractors should verify that regulated products are certified to the SASD before selling the product.

### SASD Verification Process

- 1** Visit the [SASD](#) and either:
  - Use the filters to select the product category that you are verifying for compliance
  - Type in the model number or brand name using the Search bar
- 2** If you cannot find the product you're looking for, download the search results for a single product category using the Export Products button. Use the Excel search function 'Find' to search for the model number you are verifying.
- 3** If you still cannot find the product you're looking for, reach out to the manufacturer to inform them of the SASD and ask them to submit product data. If a manufacturer submits product data and it does not meet the standards, it cannot legally be sold. For additional guidance, reach out to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) at [DOER.appliancestandards@mass.gov](mailto:DOER.appliancestandards@mass.gov).

## Benefits to Massachusetts Consumers

Appliance efficiency standards help Massachusetts reduce energy and water consumption, utility bill costs, greenhouse gas emissions, and other pollutants. These standards also protect consumers by helping remove inefficient products from the market. Compliance with these standards is crucial to achieve these benefits.

## Risks of Noncompliance

How the Massachusetts DOER will enforce the Appliance Efficiency Standards is codified at [225 CMR 9.00](#). A violation of these standards is a violation of state law. Any manufacturer (brand owner), distributor, dealer, retailer, installer, or contractor who sells products in Massachusetts that violate this law may be subject to financial penalties of not more than \$250 ([Chapter 25B](#)) or as stated in [Chapter 93A](#), whichever fine is greater. Each violation constitutes a separate offense, and each day such violation continues constitutes a separate offense. If someone observes a business with an obligation to comply with 225 CMR 9.00 committing a potential violation, they can fill out an [Appliance Standards Potential Violation report](#).

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## Resources

The following links provide additional information on the Massachusetts Appliance Energy and Water Efficiency Standards.

- Massachusetts Appliance Standards Summary fact sheet: Lists the product categories regulated, the standard and test procedure requirements, and which states already have the same (or similar) requirements.
- [DOER Guideline Process](#): Provides additional detail about how the standards will be implemented, including the requirements for all regulated of in-scope product types and how DOER will enforce those requirements.
- [DOER Manufacturer Compliance Instructions](#): Contains guidance on the appliance standard compliance process, including product testing, marking, and certification.
- [DOER Sellers and Installers Compliance Instructions](#): Contains guidance on the appliance standard compliance process, including product verification.
- [DOER Enforcement](#): Contains more information about what these parties can and cannot do under the regulation and how to report a potential violation.
- For questions on the Massachusetts Appliance Efficiency Standards or the compliance process, contact [DOER.appliancestandards@mass.gov](mailto:DOER.appliancestandards@mass.gov)
- For questions on the SASD, contact [SASD@energy-solution.com](mailto:SASD@energy-solution.com)

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