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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### 16 CFR Part 305

RIN 3084-AA26

#### Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water use of Certain Home Appliances and other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("Appliance Labeling Rule"); Correction to Ranges of Comparability for Clothes Washers

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Trade Commission amends its Appliance Labeling Rule by issuing corrections to the ranges of comparability used on required labels for clothes washers that were published on May 14, 1997, to become effective August 12, 1997 (62 FR 26383). The corrections affect only the ranges of comparability for compact, top loading clothes washers. Catalogs printed prior to the effective date of this notice on accordance with 16 CFR 305.14 need not be revised.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 12, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Mills, Attorney, 202-326-3035, Division of Enforcement, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice publishes the corrected range figures, which, under Sections 305.10, 305.11 and 305.14 of the rule, must be used on labels on clothes washers manufactured on and after August 12, 1997, and in advertising of clothes washers in catalogs printed on and after August 12, 1997.

Estimated annual energy consumption figures for 1997 for clothes washers were submitted by manufacturers and analyzed by the Commission. New ranges of comparability based upon them were published in the **Federal**

**Register** on May 14, 1997. The Commission has learned since publication of the ranges that there was an inadvertent error in the ranges for compact, top loading clothes washers, and the new ranges published today reflect the correction. All models of clothes washers in this sub-category are manufactured by the same manufacturer. The manufacturer has assured the Commission that it will use the corrected range numbers on labels for those products beginning August 12, 1997, the effective date of both the revised ranges and today's corrections. For the sake of clarity, the Commission is republishing the complete set of ranges in their corrected form.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission amends Appendix F of its Appliance Labeling Rule by publishing the following ranges of comparability for use in the labeling and advertising of clothes washers beginning August 12, 1997.

#### List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 305

Advertising, Energy conservation, Household appliances, Labeling, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, 16 CFR Part 305 is amended as follows:

#### PART 305—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 305 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 6294.

2. Appendix F to Part 305 is revised to read as follows:

#### Appendix F to Part 305—Clothes Washers

##### Range Information

"Compact" includes all household clothes washers with a tub capacity of less than 1.6 cu. ft. or 13 gallons of water.

"Standard" includes all household clothes washers with a tub capacity of 1.6 cu. ft. or 13 gallons of water or more.

| Capacity            | Range of estimated annual energy consumption (kWh/yr.) |      |
|---------------------|--|------|
|                     | Low  | High |
| COMPACT:            |  |      |
| Top Loading .....   | 607  | 628  |
| Front Loading ..... | (*)  | (*)  |
| STANDARD:           |  |      |
| Top Loading .....   | 312  | 1306 |

| Capacity            | Range of estimated annual energy consumption (kWh/yr.) |      |
|---------------------|--|------|
|                     | Low  | High |
| Front Loading ..... | 241  | 278  |

(\*) No data submitted.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### 19 CFR Part 10

[T.D. 97-69]

RIN 1515-AB79

#### Use of Containers Designated as Instruments of International Traffic in Point-to-Point Local Traffic

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends the Customs Regulations to provide that certain containers that are designated as instruments of international traffic are deemed to remain in international traffic provided they exit the United States within 365 days of the date on which they are admitted to the U.S. For the importing community as well as Customs, this amendment greatly simplifies the treatment of containers for Customs purposes regardless of their use in domestic commerce.

**DATES:** Effective: December 4, 1997.

**Compliance date:** For containers subject to this rule that have already been admitted to the U.S. the 365-day period will begin on December 4, 1997, without regard to the time the containers were already in this country.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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