

**BEFORE THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Washington, DC 20585**

In the Matter of:)
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Sanyo E & E Corporation) Case Number: 2013-SE-1428
(refrigerators/refrigerator-freezers/freezers))
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NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE TO RESUME DISTRIBUTION

Issued: July 30, 2013

Manufacturers of certain covered products that the Department of Energy (“DOE”) has determined do not comply with an applicable energy conservation standard may be allowed to resume distribution in commerce in the United States, as described in 10 C.F.R. § 429.114(d), if the manufacturer modifies the basic model in such a manner as to make it comply with the applicable standard.

On April 2, 2013, DOE issued a Notice of Noncompliance Determination to Sanyo E & E Corporation (now known as “Panasonic Appliances Refrigeration Systems Corporation of America” (“PAPRSA”)), finding that Sanyo refrigerator model number SBC-500 does not comply with the applicable standard set forth at 10 C.F.R. § 430.32(a).

Sanyo has modified the basic model that contains model SBC-500 (basic model BC1202) and has provided DOE with test results indicating that the modified basic model, basic model BC1203, complies with the applicable energy conservation standard. Sanyo has submitted a certification report for the basic model showing that it intends to distribute the modified basic model in commerce as models SBC501B and SBC501SSST.

Based on the test data for the modified basic model, the new basic model appears to comply with the applicable energy conservation standard and to be a suitable replacement for the noncompliant model. As such, Sanyo may distribute the modified basic model under the individual model numbers SBC501B and SBC501SSST. Sanyo must maintain records that demonstrate that modifications have been made to all units of the new basic model prior to distribution in commerce. Unmodified units of basic model BC1202, including model SBC-500, may not be distributed in commerce in the U.S.

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