

Notice of Exemption

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FROM: California Energy Commission
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Project Title: 2020 Repeal of Self-Contained Lighting Controls and Other Amendments

Project Location: Statewide

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Rulemaking to amend the Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20, §1601-1607) to:

- 1) repeal the self-contained lighting control requirements;
- 2) provide updates to reflect current federal law;
- 3) remove the outdated minimum lumen output requirement for portable luminaires; and
- 4) modify data submittal requirements for certain appliances.

The proposed regulations will eliminate duplicative and outdated information and enhance the clarity and regulatory certainty of the regulations. The proposal would repeal the self-contained lighting requirements as these requirements have been moved to the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24) effective January 1, 2020. As such, the requirements in the Appliance Efficiency Regulations for this appliance type are duplicative and unnecessary. The California Energy Commission (CEC) is also providing updates to reflect current federal laws. The Appliance Efficiency Regulations are designed to provide manufacturers, retailers, and consumers of appliances with a clear and comprehensive set of both federal and state regulations in a single location. These updates will ensure the Appliance Efficiency Regulations will reflect current federal law, providing clarity and regulatory certainty to regulated parties.

Third, the modifications to data submittal requirements for certain appliances will ensure that manufacturers can properly certify to the CEC Modernized Appliance Efficiency Database System (MAEDbS) that their regulated products are compliant with the most current energy performance standards and testing requirements. Finally, the removal of the outdated minimum lumen output requirement for portable luminaires will allow manufacturers to design portable luminaires that provide less than 200 lumens, if desired, leading to better product availability for consumers. The CEC is also proposing to make non-substantive numbering, ordering, cross-reference, and grammatical changes to Title 20 to effectively communicate the regulation in a precise and clear manner.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Energy Commission

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption: State type and section number:
- Statutory Exemption: State code number: _____
- Other: Adoption of the amendments is exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to the "common sense" exemption (CEQA Guidelines, 15061, subd. (b)(3)).

Reasons why project is exempt: The amendments to sections 1601, 1602, 1604, 1605, 1605.1, 1605.2, 1605.3, 1606, and 1607 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations would not have a significant effect on the environment or result in a physical change to the environment. The changes mainly consist of updates and cleaning-up of the regulations to ensure existing requirements are clear and non-duplicative. The only truly substantive change is the removal of the requirement that portable luminaires be 200 lumens or above, which unnecessarily restricted manufacturers from making lighting products with a lower light output. The change would not create a new or different efficiency standard than is already in place. Accordingly, these amendments are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because of the "common sense" exemption under section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.