

## Enforcement

### HOW THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE COMPLIANCE

The DOE may impose stiff penalties for violators of the new regulations. For both contractors and distributors, it is unlawful to knowingly sell or install non-compliant equipment. Ultimately, it's the seller's responsibility to check and ensure that the equipment for sale complies with the regulations in the region in which the equipment will be installed.

- CONTRACTORS
  - › If contractors install equipment that doesn't meet the new standards, they will be required to cover all costs associated with replacing the equipment, and they may be subject to additional DOE penalties
  - › Repeat offenders may be placed on a national do-not-sell registry
- DISTRIBUTORS
  - › If distributors knowingly supply non-compliant equipment to contractors, including those who intend to cross regional lines, they may be subject to the same enforcement, plus a per-unit monetary penalty
- If either contractors or distributors are found to be routinely selling or installing non-compliant equipment, they may be prohibited from purchasing any of the covered classes of equipment:
  - › Split-system air conditioners
  - › Split-system heat pumps
  - › Single-packaged air conditioners
  - › Single-packaged heat pumps
  - › Small-duct, high-velocity systems
  - › Space-constrained air conditioners
  - › Space-constrained heat pumps

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