

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

Case Number: 2023-CE-61007

## ORDER

For the U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”):

1. On May 11, 2023, under the above-listed case number, DOE initiated a case against NutriChef Kitchen LLC/Pyle USA (“Respondents”) to pursue a civil penalty for knowingly distributing in commerce in the United States basic models of miscellaneous refrigeration products without submitting to DOE a certification report certifying that those basic models complied with the applicable energy conservation standards.
2. Miscellaneous refrigeration products are covered products pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 6292(a)(20) and 10 C.F.R. § 430.2.
3. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.12, manufacturers are required to submit to DOE a certification report certifying that each basic model of a covered product meets the applicable energy conservation standard, before distributing each basic model in commerce in the United States and annually thereafter.
4. Failure to submit a certification report for a covered product in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 429.12 is a prohibited act pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.102(a)(1) and subject to civil penalties as described in 10 C.F.R. § 429.120.
5. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.120, each day that a manufacturer fails to submit a certification report for a basic model is a separate violation.
6. Respondents admitted the following:
  - a. Respondents have manufactured<sup>1</sup> miscellaneous refrigeration products, including the following basic models: PKCWC15, PKCWC120, PKCWC150, and PKTEBC80 (“the basic models”).

<sup>1</sup> “Manufacture” means to manufacture, produce, assemble, or import. 42 U.S.C. § 6291(10).

- b. Respondents have distributed in commerce<sup>2</sup> in the United States for at least 365 days, and continue to distribute, the basic models.
  - c. Respondents knowingly failed to submit a certification report for the basic models before distributing those models in commerce in the United States, and annually thereafter, in violation of 10 C.F.R. § 429.12.
7. Based on the information above, I find that Respondents knowingly committed Prohibited Acts by manufacturing and distributing in commerce basic models of a covered product without submitting to DOE a certification report certifying that those basic models complied with the applicable energy conservation standards. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 6302; 10 C.F.R. §§ 429.102(a)(1).
8. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.120 and 42 U.S.C. §§ 6303 and 6316, I **HEREBY ASSESS** a civil penalty of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) **AND ORDER** that the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.

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<sup>2</sup> “Distribute in Commerce” or “Distribution in Commerce” means to sell in commerce, to import, to introduce or deliver for introduction into commerce, or to hold for sale or distribution after introduction into commerce. 42 U.S.C. § 6291(16).