

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

In the Matter of:

**Stannah Stairlifts, Inc.**  
(battery chargers)

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DOE Case No.: 2023-CE-39002  
OHA Case No.: EEE-24-0002

**ORDER**

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

1. On September 15, 2023, under the above-listed DOE case number, DOE issued a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty to Stannah Stairlifts, Inc. (“Respondent”) to pursue a civil penalty against Respondent for knowingly distributing in commerce basic models of battery chargers without submitting to DOE a certification report certifying that those basic models comply with the applicable energy conservation standards.
2. Battery chargers are covered products. 42 U.S.C. § 6292; 10 C.F.R. § 430.2.
3. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.12, manufacturers must 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 and annually thereafter.
4. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.12(d), the certification report for battery chargers must be submitted to DOE annually on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. On November 21, 2023, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.124(c), DOE referred this case to an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) by filing a Complaint with the DOE Office of Hearings and Appeals (“OHA”) and serving the Complaint on Respondent.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OHA subsequently assigned OHA Case Number EEE-24-0002 to this civil penalty action. On January 8, 2024, DOE filed an Amended Complaint with OHA. On January 27, 2024, Respondent filed an Answer to the Amended Complaint, denying all allegations set forth in the Amended Complaint.

8. On February 23, 2024, DOE and Respondent executed a Settlement Agreement, in which Respondent admitted the following:
- a. Respondent has manufactured battery chargers, including Stannah brand battery charger basic models 01294US-BC and AN01469-US-BCS;
  - b. Respondent has distributed in commerce in the United States for at least 365 days, and continues to distribute, basic models 01294US-BC and AN01469-US-BCS;
  - c. In 2020, Respondent submitted to DOE a certification report certifying that basic model 01294US-BC complies with the applicable energy conservation standard;
  - d. In 2021 and 2022, Respondent failed to submit to DOE a certification report for basic model 01294US-BC, and in 2023, Respondent failed to submit to DOE a certification report for basic model 01294US-BC by the September 1<sup>st</sup> annual certification date;
  - e. In 2021, Respondent submitted to DOE a certification report certifying that basic model AN01469-US-BCS complies with the applicable energy conservation standard; and
  - f. In 2022, Respondent failed to submit to DOE a certification report for basic model AN01469-US-BCS, and in 2023, Respondent failed to submit to DOE a certification report for basic model 01294US-BC and AN01469-US-BCS by the September 1<sup>st</sup> annual certification date.
9. Based on the information above, I find that Respondent 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 comply with the applicable energy conservation standards. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 6302; 10 C.F.R. § 429.102(a)(1).
10. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.120 and 42 U.S.C. §§ 6303 and 6316, I **HEREBY ASSESS** a civil penalty of \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) **AND ORDER** that the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> DOE acknowledges that DOE received Respondent's \$60,000 civil penalty payment on March 5, 2024.