

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

In the Matter of:

Changsha Tianbi Trading Company
(showerheads)

Case Number: 2023-CW-29007

ORDER

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

1. On July 19, 2023, under the above-listed case number, DOE issued a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty to Changsha Tianbi Trading Company (“Respondent”) to pursue a civil penalty for knowingly distributing in commerce showerhead basic models without submitting to DOE a certification report certifying that those basic models comply with the applicable energy conservation standards.
2. Showerheads are covered products. 10 C.F.R. § 430.2.
3. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 429.12, each manufacturer must submit to DOE a 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. 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. Respondent admitted the following:
 - a. Respondent has manufactured¹ showerheads, including the basic models that contain the following individual models: 21651, 72020, and “High Pressure Shower Head Filter, FEELSO 2-IN-1 15 Stages High Output Hard Water Softener

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

Showerhead with Filter Cartridge for Hard Water Remove Chlorine and Harmful Substances” (“the basic models”).

- b. For at least 365 days, Respondent has distributed in commerce² the basic models.
 - c. Respondent knowingly failed to submit a certification report for the basic models, in violation of 10 C.F.R. § 429.12.
7. Based on the information above, I find that Respondent knowingly committed Prohibited Acts by manufacturing and distributing in commerce a basic model of a covered product without submitting to DOE a report certifying that the basic model complies 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 \$25,000, **ORDER** Respondent to pay the assessed civil penalty in full within 30 calendar days, **AND ORDER** that the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.

Samuel T. Walsh
General Counsel

² “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).