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**Ventamatic comment on AHAM proposal**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

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Mr. Peter Strait  
Supervisor, Building Standards Office  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Docket # 19-BSTD-10 - AHAM Kitchen Range Hood Directory Approval

Dear Mr. Strait,

I am writing to urge you to consider not allowing the proposal brought forth by AHAM to create a second test procedure and certification program for range hood performance compliance. Multiple test procedures maintained by competing organizations will have the unintended consequence of creating a less strenuous testing path for manufacturers to use in order to achieve certification. The existence of multiple certification programs should lead to the need to identify under which certification program the product obtained its certification and this will create confusion in the marketplace. The consumer's ability to easily compare products should factor heavily into the planning for how to structure a compliance program. Having multiple methods of certification will negate the ease with which these comparisons can be made.

Our organization has been utilizing HVI and its certified products directory for many years and find that the test procedures and certification programs are robust and founded upon sound engineering principals.

I thank you for your time in considering this matter and hope that you will take my opinions into account when making your decision.

Sincerely,



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