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Document Title:	Notice of Exemption
Description:	Adoption of the regulations is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act requirements pursuant to the "common sense" exemption
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Project Title: Appliance Efficiency Standards Certification Rulemaking for Residential Air Filters, Residential Pool Pump and Motor Combinations, and Replacement Residential Pool Pump Motors.

Project Location: Statewide.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Certification rulemaking to amend the California Appliance Efficiency Regulations to make permanent emergency amendments previously adopted on March 8, 2017. The amendments add a definition for permanent magnet synchronous motors and allow permanent magnet synchronous motors as a permissible motor construction type for residential pool pump and motor combinations and replacement residential pool pump motors. The regulations also delay the date by when residential air filters for use in forced-air heating or forced-air cooling equipment must comply with the regulations. These changes are necessary to ensure the public's access to residential air filters and manufacturers' ability to supply the California market with compliant products and to allow the public's access to affordable and equally efficient pool pump and motor sets that include permanent magnet synchronous motors.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Energy Commission

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption: State type and section number:

Statutory Exemption: State code number: _____

Other: Adoption of the Guidelines is exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to the "common sense" exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15061, subd. (b)(3)).

Reasons why project is exempt: The amendments to sections 1602, 1606, and 1607 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations only change the date by when residential air filters for use in forced-air heating and forced-air cooling equipment must comply with the testing, certification, and marking requirements in the appliance efficiency regulations and allow for an additional pool pump motor construction type to be certified as compliant with the applicable regulations. There is no possibility that the adoption of these amendments would have a significant effect on the environment or result in a physical change to the environment. Accordingly, these amendments are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because of the "common sense" exemption under section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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