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To : Registered Suppliers and Conformity Assessment Bodies
Subject : Registration Requirements for Collapsible Products

Dear Registered Suppliers (RSes) and Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs),

The purpose of this circular is to provide clarification regarding the testing, certification and registration requirements for collapsible electric washing machines and collapsible electric kettles under the Consumer Protection (Safety Requirements) Regulations (CPSR).

2 Examples of collapsible electric washing machines and collapsible electric kettles are shown in the table below; these products fall within the definitions of existing Controlled Good (CG) categories of washing machines and liquid heating appliances respectively but can be collapsed to occupy less space for storage or travel purposes.

Collapsible electric washing machines	Collapsible electric kettles
	

3 Following consultation with testing and certification bodies, the Consumer Product Safety Office (CPSO) would like to clarify that collapsible electric washing machines and collapsible electric kettles are considered as CGs and are regulated under the CPSR. These collapsible products perform identical functions as their conventional, non-collapsible counterparts.

4 With effect from **17th Feb 2025**, collapsible electric washing machines and collapsible electric kettles will need to be registered under the CPSR and affixed with the Safety Mark before they can be supplied in Singapore. These products shall comply with the same safety standards required for registration of their conventional, non-collapsible counterparts:

- Collapsible washing machines will need to comply with IEC 60335-2-7, which is the applicable IEC standard for registration of electric washing machines
- Collapsible liquid heating appliances will need to comply with IEC 60335-2-15, which is the applicable IEC standard for registration of electric kettles

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5 In addition, suppliers of these CGs are encouraged to incorporate clear and prominent warnings against collapsing the appliances during and shortly after use, as well as include relevant safety instructions with the products' operating instructions.

6 For further enquiries, please email consumerproductsafety@enterprisesg.gov.sg.

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Frequently Asked Questions for Circular CPSO-160224-14

Q. Can RSEs choose to approach CAB (Certification) to register collapsible electric washing machines and collapsible electric kettles before the 17th February 2025 deadline?

A. Yes

Q. What version of the safety standard(s) should be used for Safety Mark registration of collapsible electric washing machines and collapsible electric kettles?

A. Collapsible electric washing machines and collapsible electric kettles will need to comply with identical safety standards as conventional (non-collapsible) electric washing machines and electric kettles.

As of the release of this circular, the minimum edition of the safety standard that collapsible electric kettles must comply to is IEC 60335-2-15:2002, and the minimum edition of the safety standard that collapsible electric washing machines must comply to is IEC 60335-2-7:2000.

Suppliers may refer to the CPSR information booklet at the CPSO website (www.consumerproductsafety.gov.sg/suppliers/cpsr/resources/) for a list of required safety standards

Q. Can existing units of collapsible electric washing machines and/or collapsible electric kettles which are not Safety Mark registered continue to be supplied?

A. Suppliers are encouraged to initiate the process of testing, certification, and registration with the CPSO at the earliest opportunity. Active enforcement by CPSO will commence from 17th February 2025, at which point a valid Safety Mark registration will be mandatory for all units of collapsible electric washing machines and collapsible electric kettles retailed or advertised for supply in Singapore.

Q. Are there any avenues for Registered Suppliers to feedback to CPSO regarding this regulatory decision?

A. Please write in to CPSO and furnish us with the details. Any such feedback/appeal will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.