Energy Efficiency Enforcement: California Energy Commission and Battery Charger Manufacturer Enter into Settlement Agreement and Release Addressing Alleged Violations

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The California Energy Commission ("CEC") and Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. ("Black & Decker") entered into a May 21st Settlement Agreement and Release ("Agreement") addressing alleged violations of the California Appliance Efficiency Regulations ("Regulations").

The Agreement provides that Black & Decker manufactures and distributes several models of federally regulated battery chargers sold or offered for sale in California.

Black & Decker's federally regulated battery chargers are stated to be subject to the testing, efficiency, marking, and certification requirements for this appliance class.

From October 2020 to October 2024, Black & Decker is stated to have sold or offered for sale in California through retailers or distributors federally regulated battery chargers that were not listed in MAEDbS as required in section 1606.

Black & Decker enters into the Agreement without any admission of wrongdoing or liability. Further, the Agreement covers certain federally regulated battery charger models identified in the document.

A civil penalty of $380,000.00 is assessed. Further, Black & Decker agrees to take each of the following actions for any and all regulated appliances it will sell or offer for sale in California:

- Test all basic models, utilizing the applicable test method, to ensure conformance with the Appliance Efficiency Regulations.
- Certify all basic models in MAEDbS, and ensure listings are kept current and up to date.
- Add the required marking to the unit, if required.

A copy of the Agreement can be downloaded here.