



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Commerce

Subject of possible rule making: Potential change in effective date of WAC 194-24-180 requiring a modular communications port (CTA-2045) on new water heaters

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 19.260.070(7), RCW 19.260.080(2)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Commerce adopted an emergency rule suspending the effective date of WAC 194-24-180 (electric storage water heaters) due to an inability of manufacturers to obtain parts required for the required modular communications port (CTA-2045). The inability is caused by supply chain disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on the currently adopted emergency rule, the suspension is effective until March 1, 2022. In light of continuing economic and supply chain disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Commerce has determined that a further delay to the effective date is warranted. Commerce is issuing this notice of intent to amend WAC 194-24-180 to establish a reasonable effective date for WAC 194-24-180 on a permanent basis.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) Standard rule making process


Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments: Commerce maintains an email distribution list for communication with stakeholders. Interested parties may add their names to the distribution list by visiting the web page listed above.

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