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Q: All of the products I make are custom-built, one-of-a-kind units. Does that mean that they are not subject to DOE's energy conservation standards?

A: The Energy Policy Conservation Act of 1975, as amended, (codified at 42 U.S.C. 6291-6317) does not distinguish between mass-market and custom-built products. To determine whether the products you manufacture are subject to energy standards, you should review the relevant product definitions found at 10 CFR Part 430.2 (consumer products) and at 10 CFR Part 431 (commercial and industrial equipment) to evaluate whether your product meets the definition of a particular type of product (e.g., electric refrigerator, commercial refrigeration equipment). You should also review the applicable standards for the relevant product types to determine whether standards have been set for your particular product. If your product falls within the definition for one of the covered product types and the product type is currently subject to energy conservation standards, then your product is subject to those standards even if it is a one-of-a-kind, custom product.