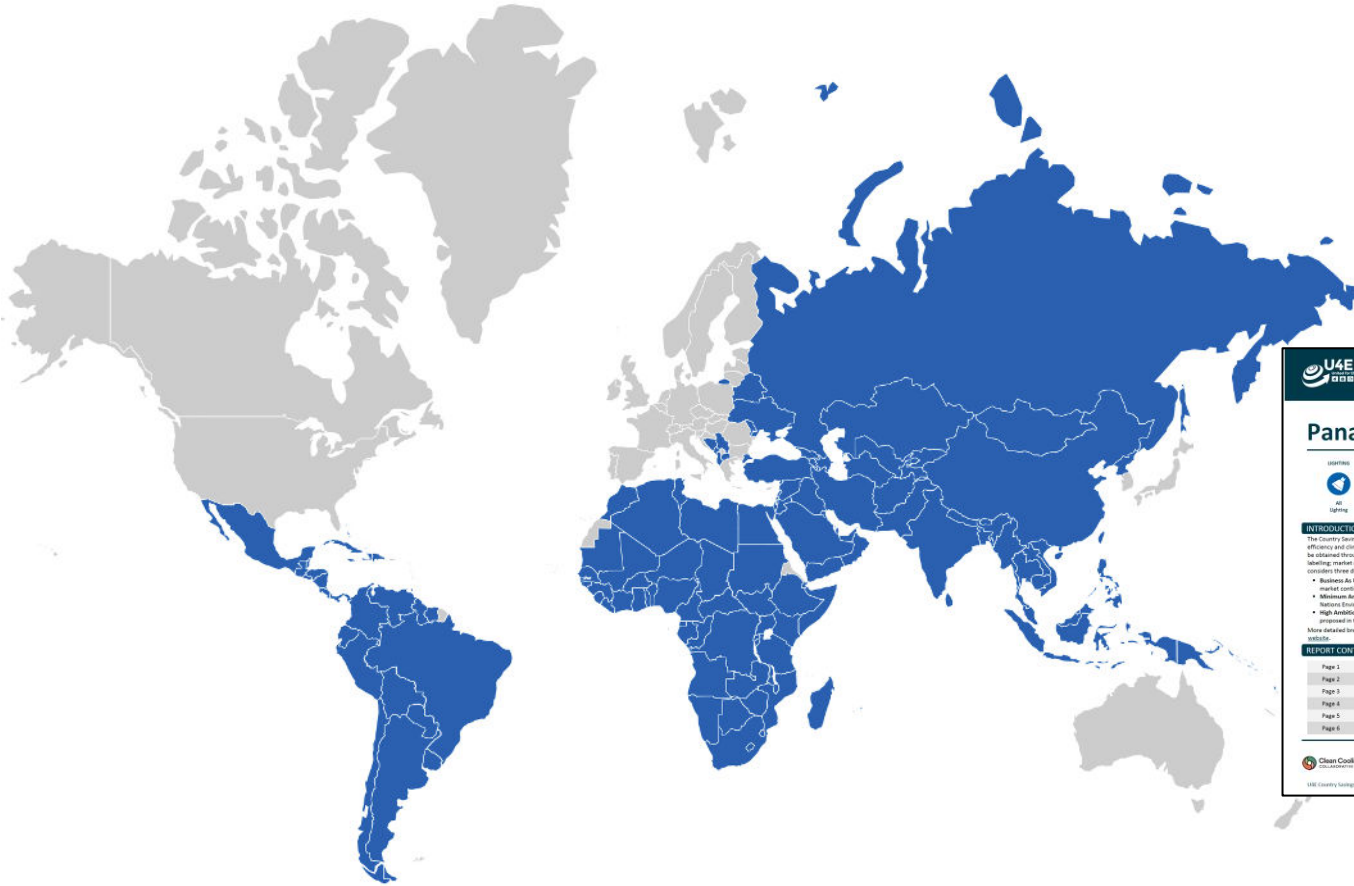


# Opportunities for energy-efficient and climate-friendly cooling

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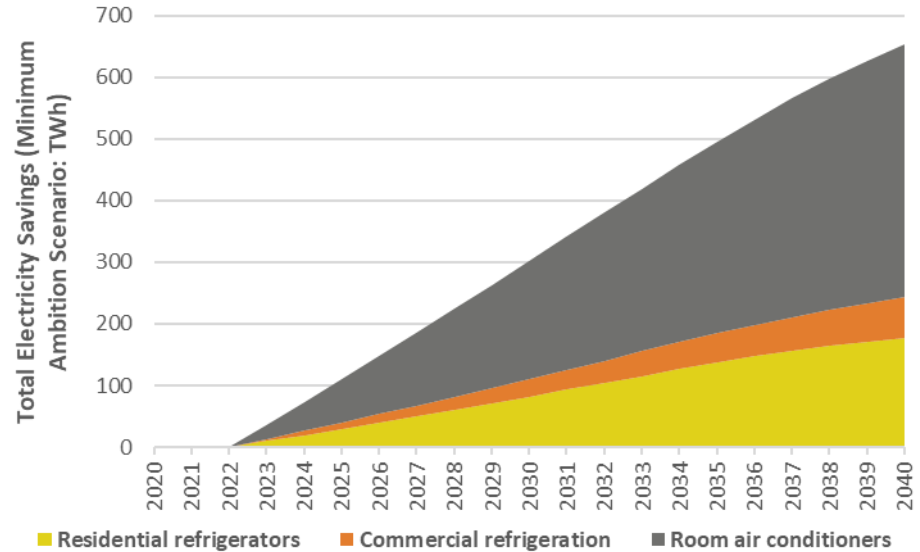
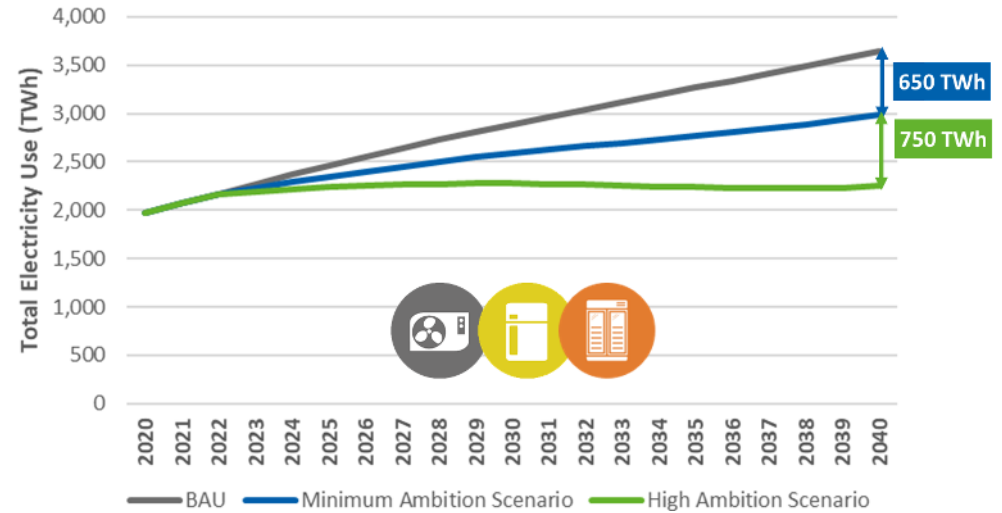
# U4E Country Savings Assessment- Updated 2022



# Global electricity savings from energy efficient cooling

Energy efficient room air conditioners contribute to greater than 60% of annual electricity savings in 2040 while residential refrigerators 30% and commercial refrigeration are 10%

## Annual and Cumulative energy savings



**650**

TWh



**624**

MtCO<sub>2</sub>e  
(54:  
direct  
savings)



**\$ 97**

Billion in  
electricity  
bill savings



**298**

Power  
stations  
[500 MW  
each]

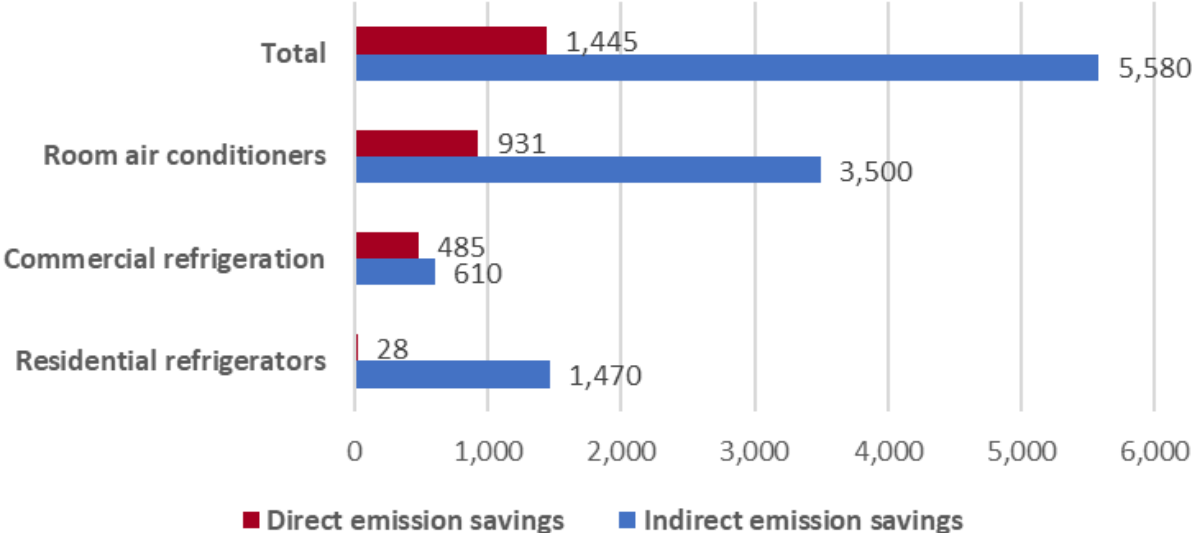
# Global carbon mitigation from energy efficient cooling



The direct emission savings in commercial refrigeration equipment is highest and comprise 44% while 2% in residential refrigerators and 21% in room air conditioners offer

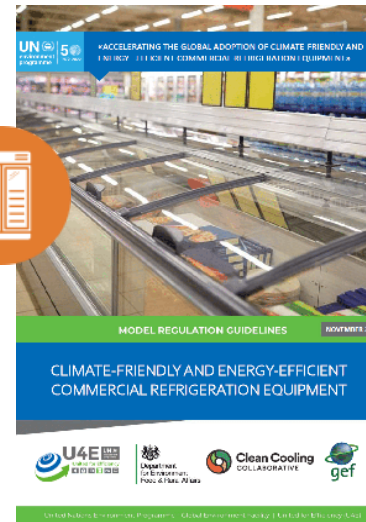
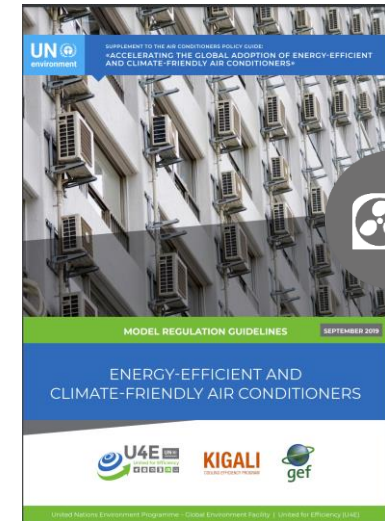
The analysis assumes adoption of R600a and R290 as replacement refrigerants for R134A, R22, R407C, R-410A, R-32, etc.

### Cumulative carbon savings (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e) by 2040 through energy-efficient cooling products



# U4E- Model Regulation Guidelines

- Guidance to help **inform regulatory authorities and policy makers**
- Sets a **minimum efficiency floor** to prohibit future sales of inefficient products from the market and sets higher **tiers** consistent with technology and market opportunities.
- Over **60+ technical experts** (per product group) from around the world contributed data, analysis, expert reviews
- Robust **refrigerant GWP ceiling** for viable, fast action on the Kigali Amendment
- Dual focus on **efficiency** and **refrigerants** and widespread deployment
- References **global technology and policy** trends



Available in English for all cooling products. Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, French, Arabic versions are available for select products



# Introduction to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

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**16 — Nobel Prizes**  
**13 — National Medal of  
Science recipients**  
**4,200 — Employees**  
**200 — Site acreage**

- Dedicated to solving the most pressing scientific problems facing humanity.
- More than two decades of work internationally on climate and clean energy policy, appliance, buildings, transport and industrial energy efficiency and air quality.
- Significant focus on energy efficiency, including technical Support to US DOE Appliance Standards Rulemakings.
- Technical support for Kigali Amendment and Montreal Protocol
- Technical Support for Revision of cooling equipment efficiency standards in China, India, ASEAN, Brazil, Southern and Eastern Africa
- UNEP U4E model regulations for room ACs, refrigerators, commercial ref, off-grid refrigeration (ongoing), ceiling fans (planned 2023)





# Aims of the U4E Model Regulation Guidelines (MRGs)

Make it easier to adopt new / enhance existing MEPS and Energy Labels

- Target energy-efficiency + lower-GWP refrigerants simultaneously
- Encourage higher performing products through labelling
- Vary requirements to capture climatic differences
- Use proven best practices and tap into global policy and technology trends

## Benefits:

- ✓ Simplify **adoption and implementation of a robust regulation**
- ✓ Catalyze **product innovation**, giving consumers more choice
- ✓ Easier to harmonize requirements to **reduce trade barriers and unlock economies of scale** to make products more affordable
- ✓ Enable more **effective market enforcement** using proven test procedures and an easier exchange of compliance info

# U4E MRGs Facilitate National Adoption and Harmonization Across Countries

Includes many key elements:

- Scope & definitions, exemptions
- Test methods
- Energy efficiency regulations (MEPS)
- Performance Labelling
- Refrigerant and foam blowing agent regulations
- Does not include:
  - Product registry, lab certification procedures
  - Monitoring, verification, & enforcement procedures





# Scope of U4E MRGs



Air Conditioners	Residential Refrigerators	Commercial Refrigerators
non-ducted single split,	Refrigerator	Refrigerated display (freezer or refrigerator) cabinets (RDCs),
self-contained,	Freezer	refrigerated storage (freezer or refrigerator) cabinets (RSCs),
portable and	Refrigerator-Freezer	refrigerated drink cabinets or beverage coolers (RDC-BCs),
reversible heat pumps		ice cream freezer cabinets (RDC-ICFs),
		scooping cabinets (RDC-SCs), and
		refrigerated vending machines (RVMs).

# Energy Performance Evaluation Methods

	Refrigerators	Air Conditioners	Commercial refrigeration equipment
Category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refrigerators</li> <li>Refrigerator-Freezers</li> <li>Freezers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air conditioners, Heat pumps (reversible)</li> <li>Fixed-speed, variable-speed</li> </ul>	RDC, RDC-BC, RDC-SC, RDC-ICF, RSC RVM <sup>b</sup>
Reference Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IEC 62552:2015 (Part 1, 2, and 3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ISO 5151:2017</li> <li>ISO 16358-1, -2, -3: 2013</li> <li>ISO 16358-1: 2013/Amd 1: 2019</li> </ul>	ISO 23953-2 <sup>a</sup> ; ISO 23953-2 <sup>a</sup> ; EN 16838; ISO 22043; ISO 22041 IEC 63252
Key parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volume adjusted by compartment</li> <li>Manual/automatic defrost</li> <li>Energy consumption measured at 16°C and 32°C</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance measured at 35°C (and 46°C for extremely hot-dry regions)</li> <li>Outdoor temperature bin hours by ISO 16358 and climate regions (per ASHRAE definitions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily energy consumption (E<sub>daily</sub>) ; Weekly energy consumption (E<sub>weekly</sub>)</li> <li>M-package temperature classes</li> <li>Test package temperature classes</li> </ul>
Efficiency metric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Energy Consumption (kWh/year) for 24°C (plus 20°C and 32°C)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooling Seasonal Performance Factor (CSPF, Wh/Wh) for cooling-only units</li> <li>Annual Performance Factor (APF, Wh/Wh) for reversible heat pumps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy efficiency index (EEI)</li> </ul> $R = \frac{AEC_{Max}}{AEC}$

# Energy Performance Grade requirements

## Residential Refrigerators

Grade	Refrigerators	Refrigerator-Freezers	Freezers
High Efficiency	$R \geq 1.50$	$R \geq 1.50$	$R \geq 1.50$
Intermediate	$1.25 \leq R < 1.50$	$1.25 \leq R < 1.50$	$1.25 \leq R < 1.50$
Low Efficiency	$1.00 \leq R < 1.25$	$1.00 \leq R < 1.25$	$1.00 \leq R < 1.25$

## Commercial Refrigeration Equipment

Equipment category				Equipment class code	Low efficiency (high EEI)	Intermediate efficiency (intermediate EEI)	High efficiency (low EEI)	
RDC	Integral	Horizontal	Chiller	RDC-IHC	130	90	50	
			Freezer	RDC-IHF	130	90	50	
		Vertical	Chiller	RDC-IVC	130	90	50	
			Freezer	RDC-IVF	130	90	50	
	Remote	Horizontal	Chiller	RDC-RHC	130	90	50	
			Freezer	RDC-RHF	130	90	50	
		Vertical	Chiller	RDC-RVC	100	75	50	
			Freezer	RDC-RVF	130	90	50	
			RDC-BC		RDC-BC	100	70	40
			RDC-SC		RDC-SC	100	70	50
RDC-ICF		RDC-ICF	100	70	50			
RSC	Integral	Horizontal	Chiller	RSC-IHC	95	60	35	
			Freezer	RSC-IHF	95	70	50	
		Vertical	Chiller	RSC-IVC	95	70	50	
			Freezer	RSC-IVF	95	70	50	
	RVM		RVM	100	70	50		

## Air Conditioners

Climate Group (Temperature Bin Hours)	Grade	Rated Cooling Capacity $\leq 4.5$ kW	4.5 kW < Rated Cooling Capacity $\leq 9.5$ kW	9.5 kW < Rated Cooling Capacity $\leq 16.0$ kW
Group 1 (ISO 16358-1: 2013)	High Efficiency	$8.00 \leq \text{CSPF}$	$7.60 \leq \text{CSPF}$	$7.10 \leq \text{CSPF}$
	Intermediate	$7.10 \leq \text{CSPF} < 8.00$	$6.40 \leq \text{CSPF} < 7.60$	$5.80 \leq \text{CSPF} < 7.10$
	Low Efficiency	$6.10 \leq \text{CSPF} < 7.10$	$5.10 \leq \text{CSPF} < 6.40$	$4.50 \leq \text{CSPF} < 5.80$
0A (Model Regulation)	High Efficiency	$7.40 \leq \text{CSPF}$	$7.00 \leq \text{CSPF}$	$6.60 \leq \text{CSPF}$
	Intermediate	$6.60 \leq \text{CSPF} < 7.40$	$6.00 \leq \text{CSPF} < 7.00$	$5.50 \leq \text{CSPF} < 6.60$
	Low Efficiency	$5.70 \leq \text{CSPF} < 6.60$	$4.90 \leq \text{CSPF} < 6.00$	$4.30 \leq \text{CSPF} < 5.50$
1A (Model Regulation)	High Efficiency	$7.00 \leq \text{CSPF}$	$6.60 \leq \text{CSPF}$	$6.20 \leq \text{CSPF}$
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2A (Model Regulation)	High Efficiency	$7.30 \leq \text{CSPF}$	$6.90 \leq \text{CSPF}$	$6.50 \leq \text{CSPF}$
	Intermediate	$6.50 \leq \text{CSPF} < 7.30$	$5.90 \leq \text{CSPF} < 6.90$	$5.40 \leq \text{CSPF} < 6.50$
	Low Efficiency	$5.60 \leq \text{CSPF} < 6.50$	$4.80 \leq \text{CSPF} < 5.90$	$4.30 \leq \text{CSPF} < 5.40$
3A (Model Regulation)	High Efficiency	$7.00 \leq \text{CSPF}$	$6.60 \leq \text{CSPF}$	$6.20 \leq \text{CSPF}$
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# Refrigerant & Foam Blowing Agent Requirements

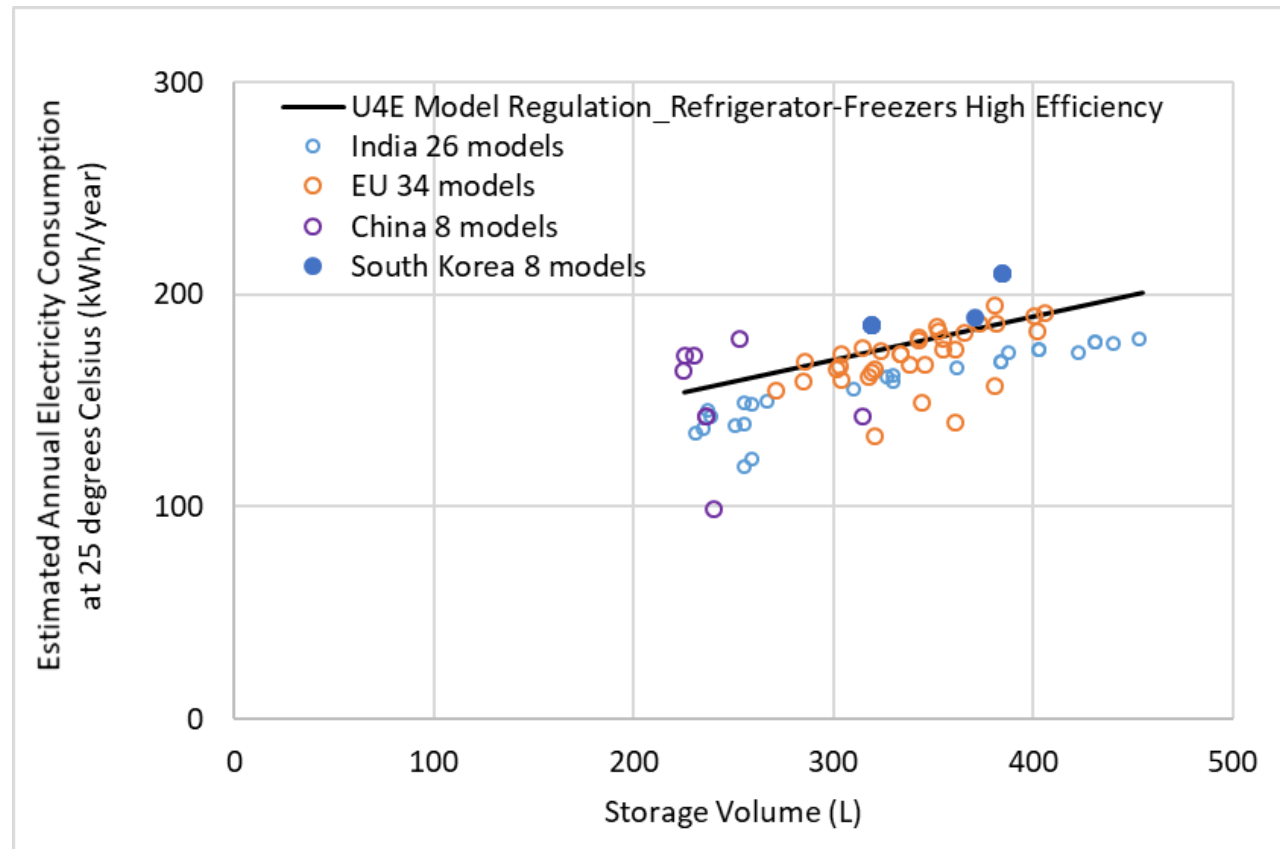
Requirements for ozone depletion potential (ODP) and global warming potential (GWP) over a 100-year time horizon.

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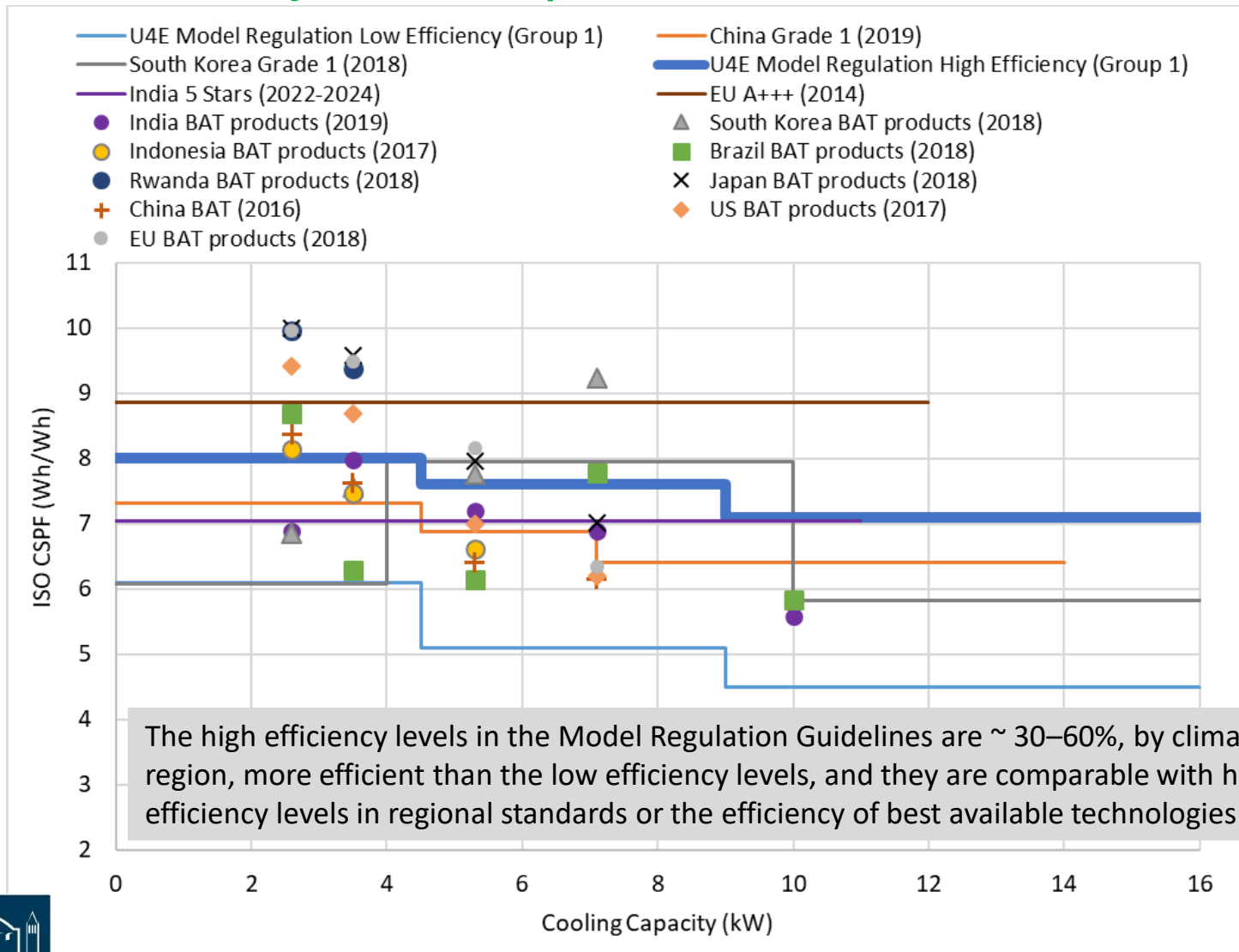
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ODP	0	0	0

# Availability of Compliant Products – Residential refrigerators

The high-efficiency level in the Model Regulation Guidelines is 1.5 times as efficient as the low efficiency level, but it is similar to or less than the efficiency levels of the current best available technologies.



# Availability of Compliant Products - ACs



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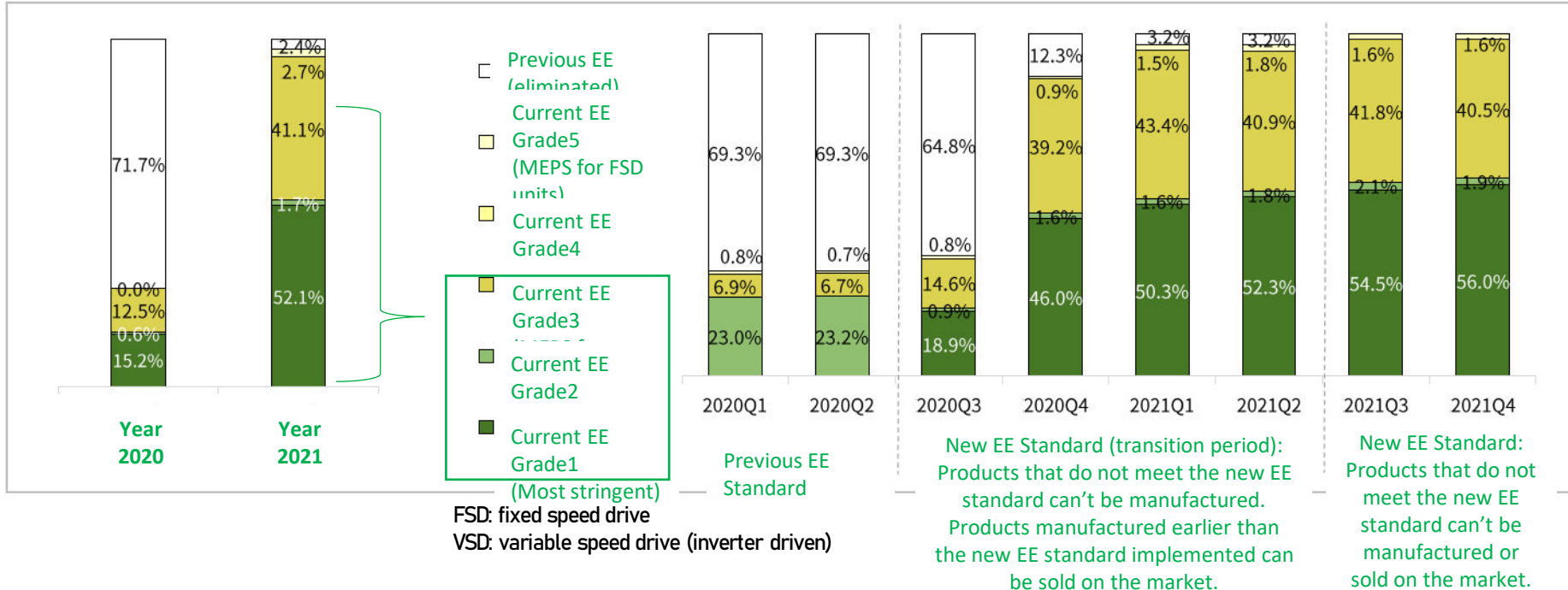


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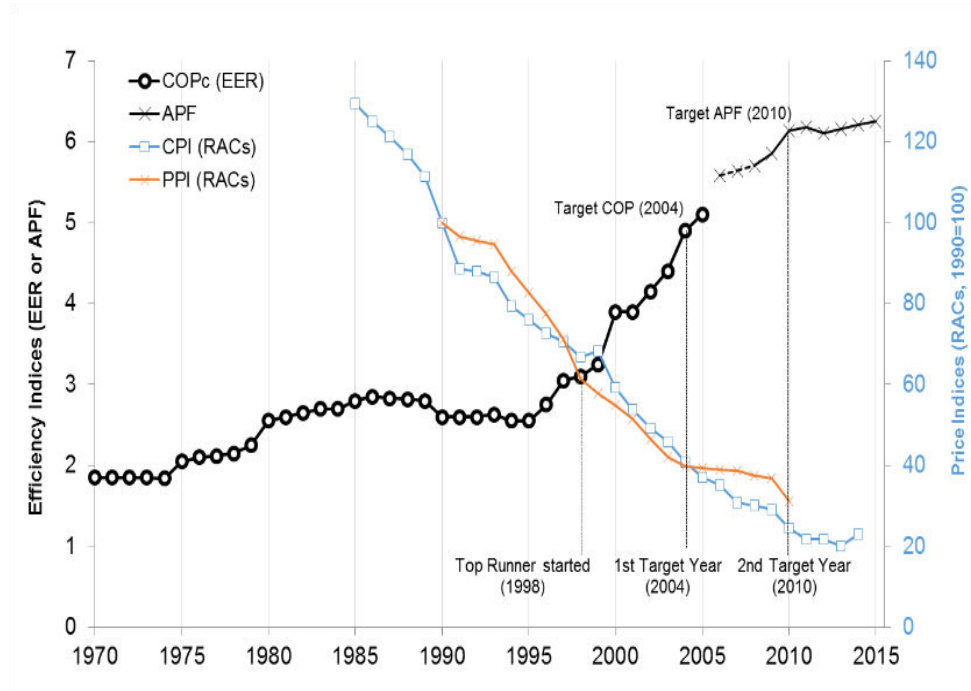
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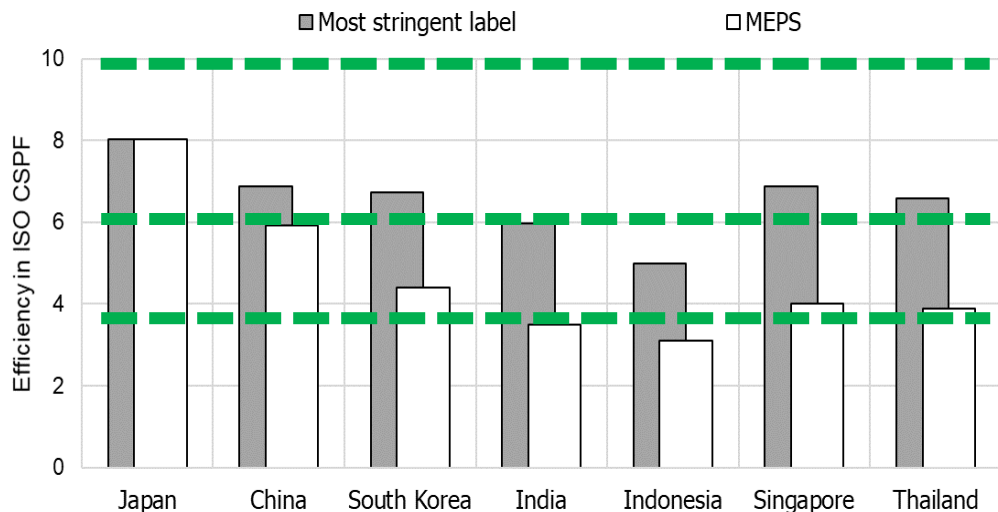
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# Harmonization with global trends - Examples




Source: Updated from Park et al. (2021) Harmonizing Energy-Efficiency Standards for Room Air Conditioners in Southeast Asia

Global BAT

CSPF 6.1  
U4E Guidelines Low  
Requirements  
Proposed MEPS for  
ASEAN (Phase II)

CSPF 3.7  
Proposed MEPS for  
ASEAN (Phase I)




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## ASEAN – Regional Harmonization

## Egypt – Detailed Cost-benefit Analysis

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# Regional MEPS Harmonization- ASEAN



ASEAN

## Technical recommendations & Regional Policy Roadmap

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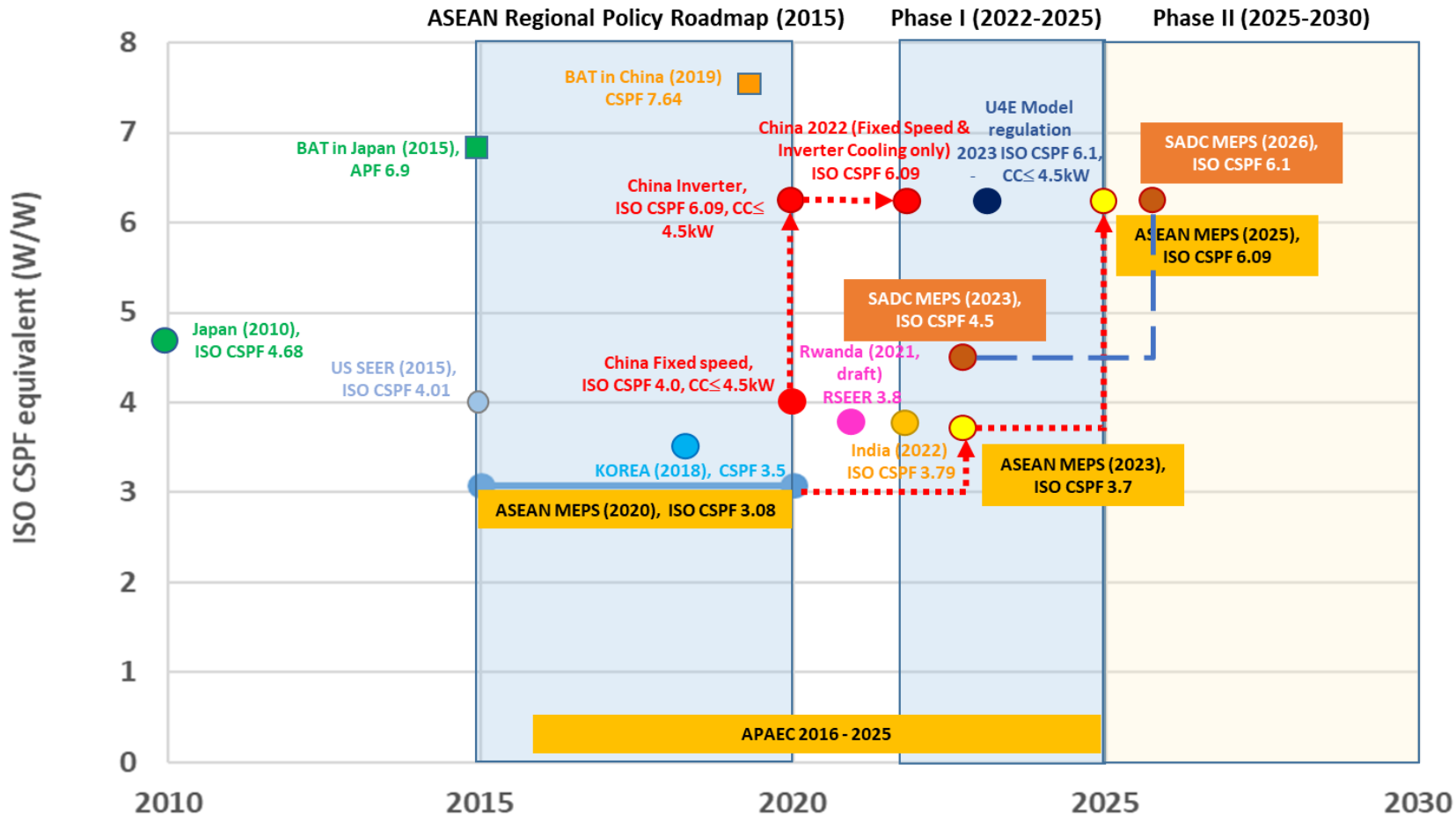
-  Scope and product categories
-  MEPS & performance labelling requirements
-  Test methods and efficiency metrics
-  Refrigerant requirements

SADC-EAC		ASEAN
Air Conditioners	Refrigerators	Air Conditioners
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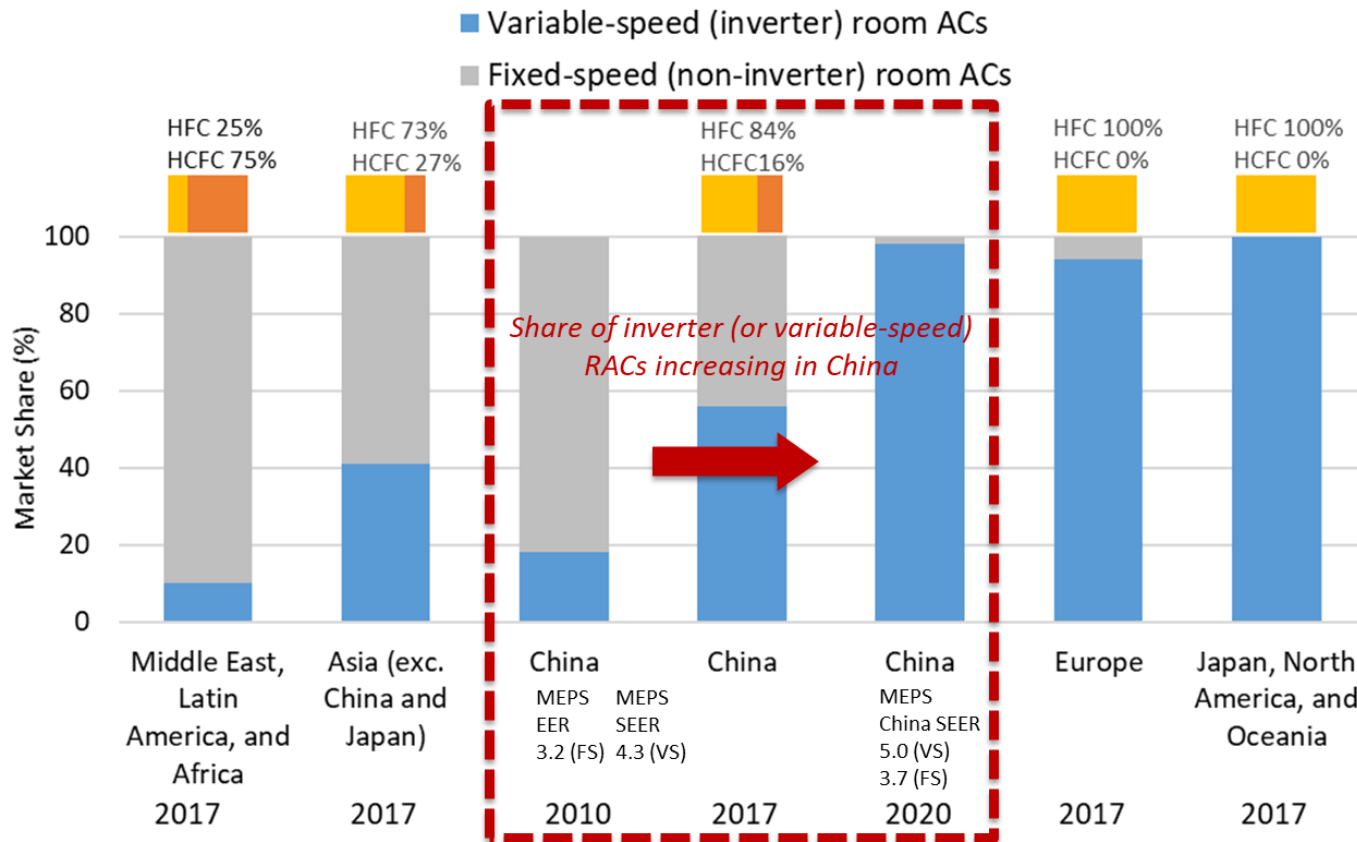


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# Global Trends for Room Air conditioner (RAC)

The global RAC market and policies are in the midst of transition toward energy-efficient and sustainable solutions.

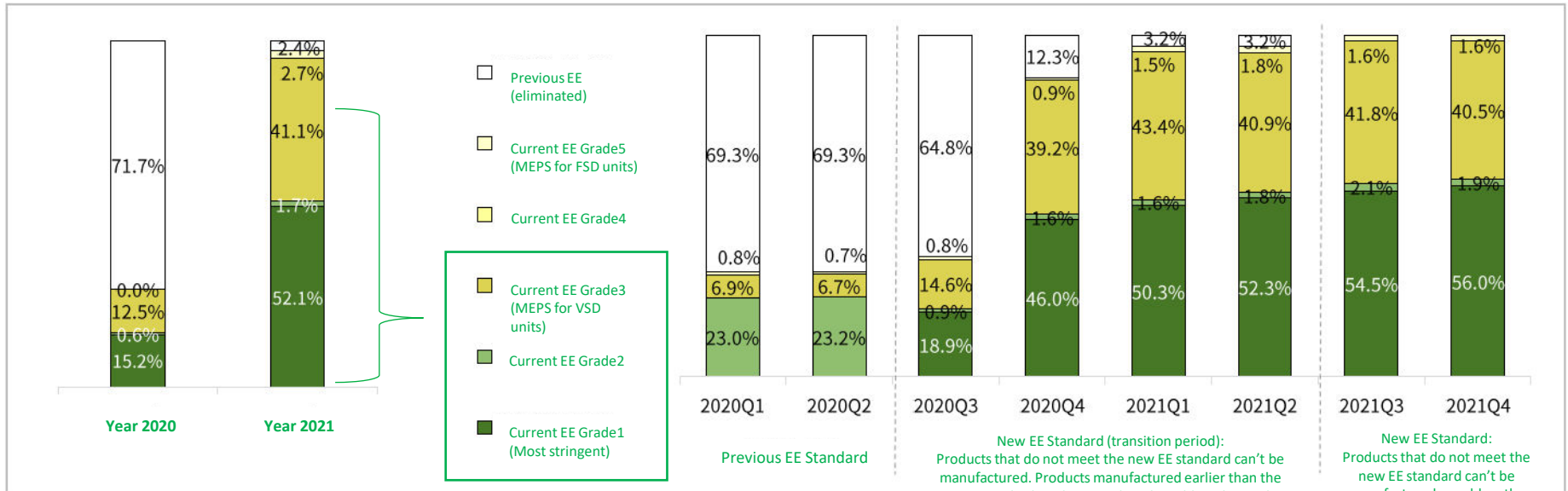


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FSD: fixed speed drive  
VSD: variable speed drive (inverter driven)

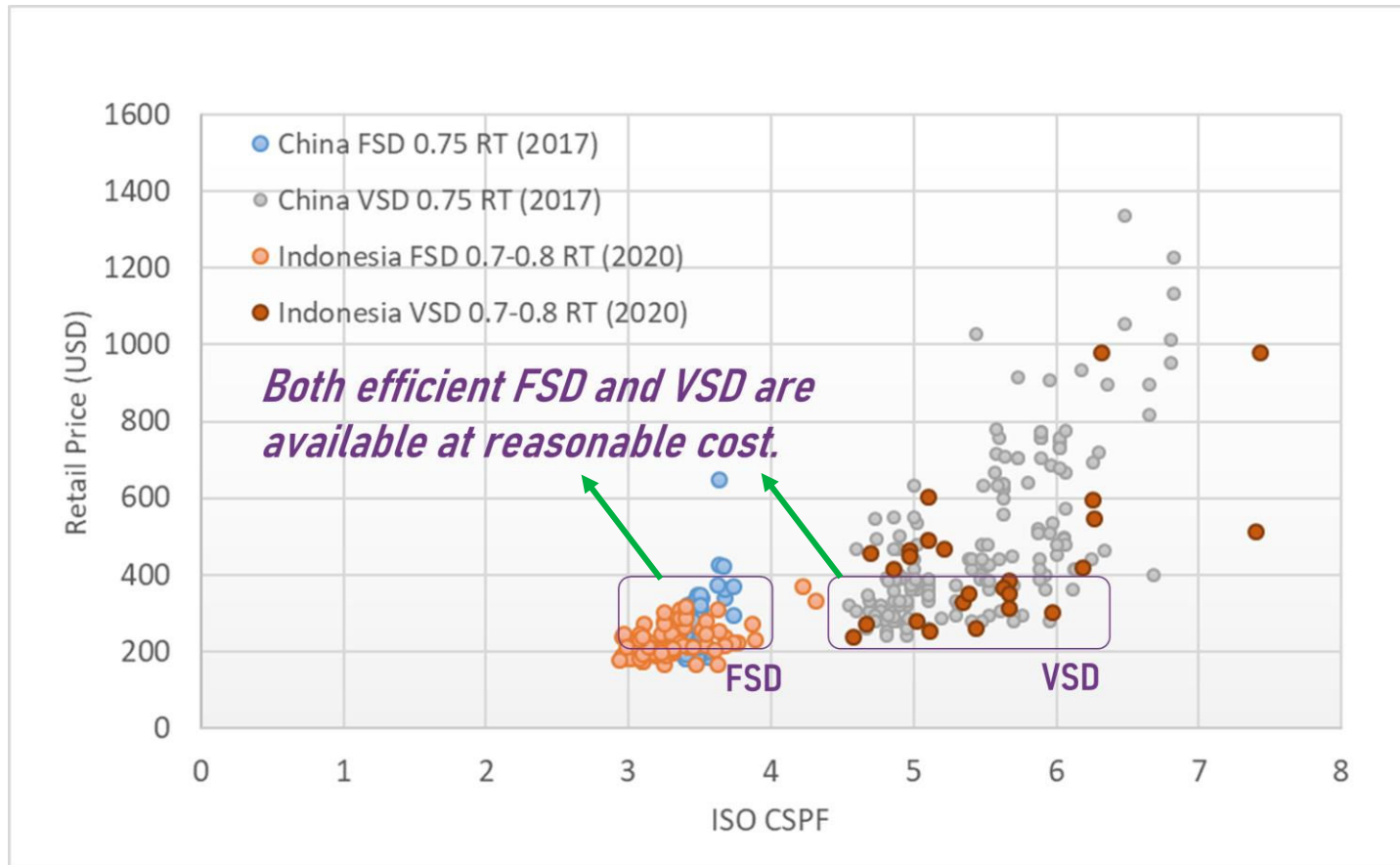
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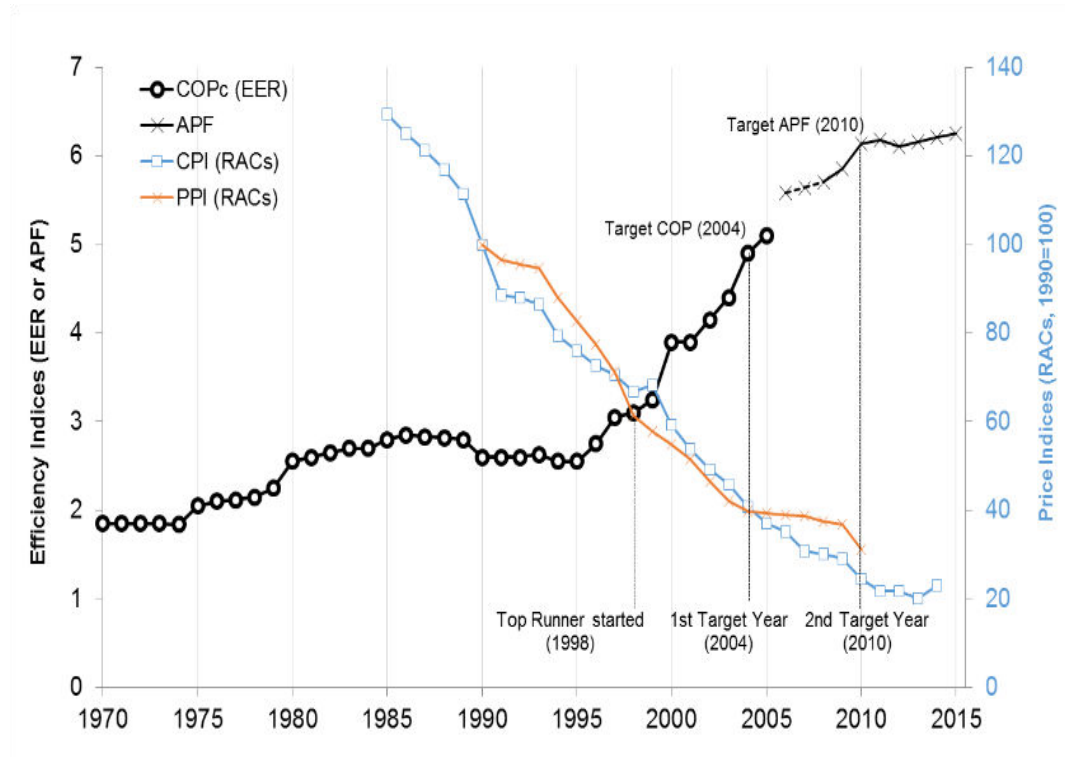
# Efficiency and Price comparison of RACs

Market prices appear to reflect the bundling of AC features other than efficiency, because prices at the same efficiency level vary by over 200%.



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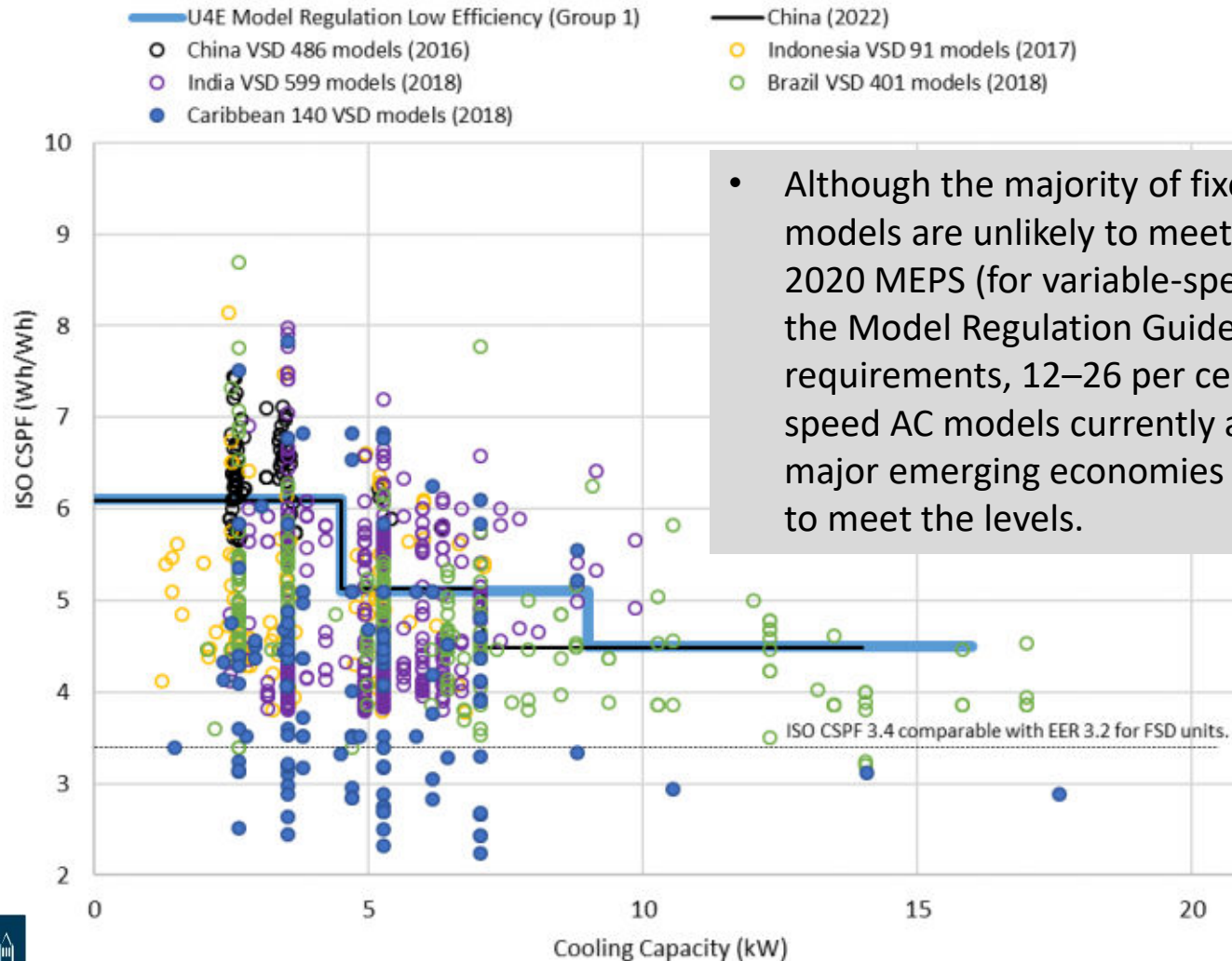


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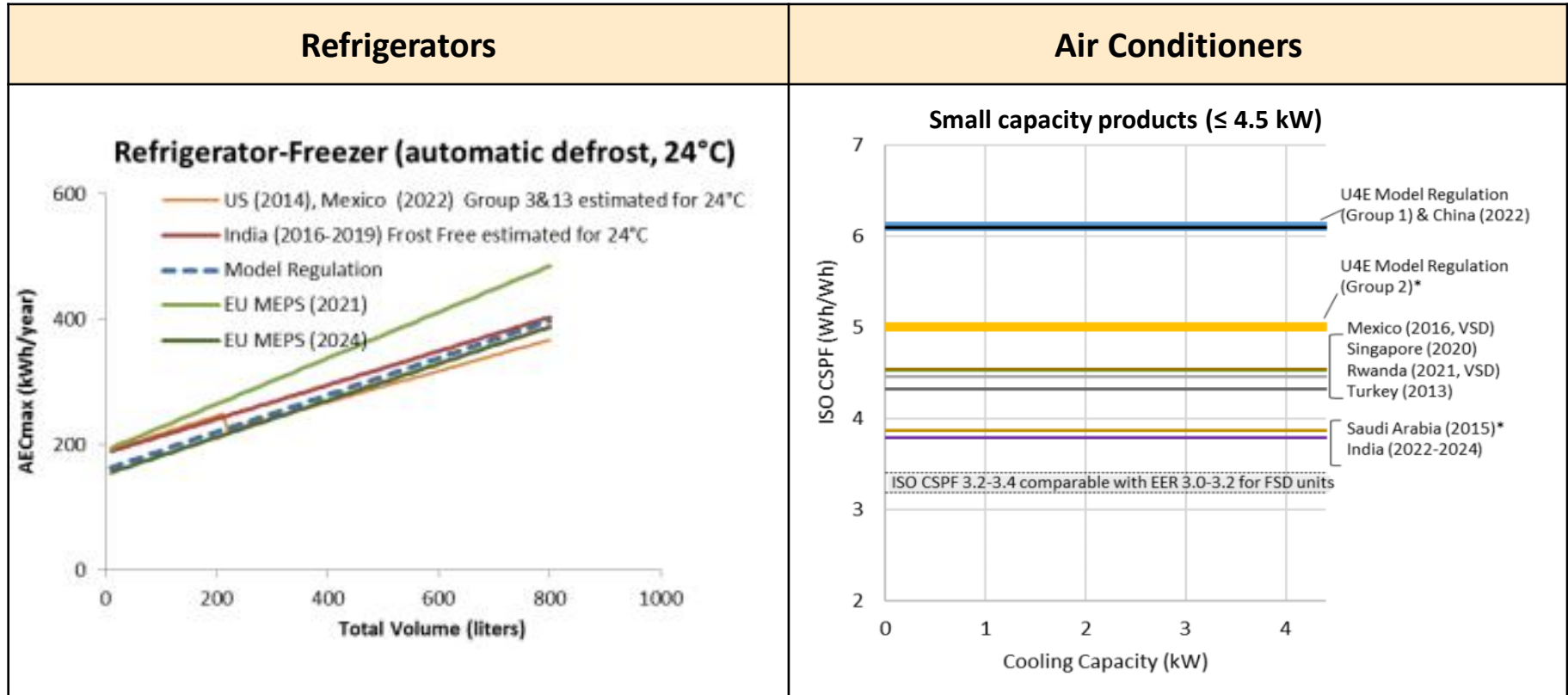


# Availability of Compliant Products - ACs



# Minimum Energy Performance Requirements

- The Model Regulation Guidelines suggest requirements to be consistent with the market transition expected from technology and policy improvements in major and emerging economies.



*Inefficient products can't meet these levels, and there are stretch tiers for labels.*



# U4E- Country Saving Assessment

- Analysis on **potential impact** of adopting Model Regulation guidelines for **lighting, room air conditioners, residential refrigerators, commercial refrigeration equipment, industrial electric motors and distribution transformers**. These product categories are responsible for **>50% of electricity usage today**.
- The assessment provides three scenarios: **Business As Usual (BAU)**– No policy intervention; **Minimum Ambition** – assumes Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) implemented; **High Ambition** – Assumes MEPS are implemented at a higher level of ambition for six products. The energy savings potential is calculated till 2040 and is computed based on the difference between total energy consumption in the ambition scenarios and that of the BAU scenario and is expressed in terms of **GHG emissions mitigated, Capacity (Power plants) avoidance and Financial savings**.
- Globally the savings highlight that over **910 TWh of electricity consumption and 820 million tonnes of CO2** could be saved annually in 2040 for developing and emerging countries, equivalent to removing **416 large power stations** or more than the total **current consumption of Türkiye, Indonesia and South Africa combined**. These electricity savings would also save consumers over **\$130 billion** annually on electricity bills.
- 10 countries account for over two thirds of the savings opportunity in all developing and emerging economies (China, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Russian Federation, Brazil, Egypt, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, and Viet Nam). Significant savings relative to national consumption are possible in many countries, such as in Africa where **many countries can save between 15%-30% of their electricity consumption and related GHG emissions**.