



**GLOBAL LEAP AWARDS**  
**2025 INDUCTION COOKTOPS USABILITY TESTING COMPETITION**  
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Background**

The 2025 Global LEAP Induction Cooktop Competition (“the Competition”) is a global competition to identify the best induction cooktops currently available, based on safety, performance, ease of use, and value for money. The Competition is intended to drive innovation and performance in early-stage product markets, while also building valuable technical and commercial market knowledge.

Electric cooking (e-cooking) technologies offer better alternatives to traditional biomass cookstoves and other fossil-based fuels while presenting a long-term solution to cooking fuel-driven environmental degradation and a viable path towards total eradication of indoor air pollution. Electric Induction Cooktops (ICs)<sup>i</sup> in particular are highly efficient with up to 90% of the energy consumed transferred to the food compared to traditional hotplates and gas stoves at 74% and 40% respectively <sup>ii</sup>. As a key appliance crucial to the transition to e-cooking on a global scale energy performance, quality and user experience data is necessary for market stakeholders and end users to make informed procurement and distribution decisions. The 2025 Global LEAP Awards Induction Cooktops Usability Testing Competition (“Competition”) seeks to address this gap by benchmarking performance and user insights across Ghana and Indonesia.

The Competition is implemented by CLASP through the Modern Energy Cooking Services ([MECS](#)) program, funded by UK aid from the UK government .The Global LEAP Awards is an initiative of Efficiency for Access (EforA) funded by UK Aid , from the UK government via the Transforming Energy Access platform and the IKEA Foundation . (“CLASP”) serves as the Operating Agent and Administrator (“Administrator”) of the Global LEAP Awards.

Companies that participate in the Global LEAP Awards are subject to these Terms and Conditions (“Terms and Conditions”). Violations of, or a failure to abide by, these Terms and Conditions may disqualify a participant from the Competition at the sole discretion of the Administrator.

## Quick Overview

The following table provides a summary of key information contained in this document. Detailed information about each of these questions is contained in the body of the document below.

<p><i>Who is eligible to participate in the 2025 Global LEAP Awards Induction Cooktops Competition?</i></p>	<p>All manufacturers, suppliers and /or distributors of commercially available portable induction cooktops that have passed the conformity assessments according to <b>IEC 60335-2-36:2021</b> and have an interest in selling products in Ghana and/or Indonesia are eligible to participate in the 2025 Global LEAP Awards Induction Cooktops Competition.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> Since usability testing will be conducted in Ghana and Indonesia, nominators will be required to ensure their products meet national safety standards regulation to import their products in these countries. For the case of Indonesia: <b>SNI IEC 60335-2-6:2010</b> and for the case of Ghana <b>GS IEC 60335-1:2010</b></p>
<p><i>Do you only accept DC products?</i></p>	<p>All Global LEAP Awards competitions accept AC, DC and Hybrid products.</p>
<p><i>What are the benefits of participating?</i></p>	<p><b>Cash Prizes:</b> Subject to additional terms and conditions, up to \$100,000 USD prize money will be available for winning product(s) based on the evaluation criteria for the Usability Testing.</p> <p><b>Global Recognition:</b> The Global LEAP Awards is a trusted global brand. A Buyer's Guide is published at the end of each Global LEAP Awards competition that serves as the de facto source of accurate, actionable information about the quality, energy performance and user experience of off- and weak-grid appliances (<a href="#">see here for an example</a>).</p> <p>Winners and Finalists in the Global LEAP Induction Cooktop Competition will be featured in the <b>2026 Global LEAP Induction Cooktops Buyer's Guide</b>.</p>
<p><i>Previous rounds of the Global LEAP Awards included a link to results-based financing (RBF) for procurement. Is that available for this round?</i></p>	<p>As of the date that this document was published, no RBF funds are secured to support Induction Cooktops procurement.</p>

<i>When do nominations open?</i>	18 November 2025. Note that the timeline for this Competition, and all milestone dates set out herein, are subject to change. See Section 10 below.
<i>When do nominations close?</i>	12 Dec 2025

<i>How will products be assessed?</i>	Products will undergo a 3-month usability testing with end users in both Ghana and Indonesia. The detailed approach and methodology of the usability testing will be shared once finalized.
<i>Is there a fee to participate?</i>	Nominations are free and can be easily submitted online.
<i>Who should I contact with additional questions?</i>	<a href="mailto:globalleap@efficiencyforaccess.org">globalleap@efficiencyforaccess.org</a>

## About the 2024 Global LEAP Awards Induction Cooktops Competition

The 2025 Global LEAP Awards Induction Cooktops Competition aims to build on the momentum garnered from the inaugural 2024 [Competition](#), to identify energy efficient, safe, and user-friendly induction cooktops to accelerate the transition to using clean cooking technologies. The competition will focus on usability testing by selecting products that are internationally certified and having everyday cooks in urban and peri - urban areas cook with the products for a defined period to understand real-life performance.

As cooking is highly cultural, such testing methodology allows the program to document non-technical aspects at play in transitioning to clean cooking technology including user center design and interface, accessibility, learnability, and usability issues. These rarely captured non-technical specifications are a value added to the sector increasing understanding of how emerging clean cooking technologies align with the needs and expectations of the target population.

The usability testing will be carried out in Ghana and Indonesia owing to the diversity in cuisines, culture and cooking technologies. The program selected Indonesia due to ongoing government push through the National Energy Council to increase induction cookstoves adoption (to replace LPG) targeted to meet 22% of the total cooking energy demand by [2030](#). There is potential to influence clean cooking policies and aid government procurement of safe and efficient induction cook stoves. The competition is also well positioned for Ghana to inform ongoing initiatives to increase uptake of clean cooking solutions. Despite achieving over 85% electricity access, more than 50% of households continue to rely on dirty fuels.

## Competition Design

The Competition is structured in five stages:

- **Stage 1** – Nomination: Nominators submit Nomination Form and accompanying documentation that contains technical information about their induction cooktops , as well as details about their business models, target markets, and other aspects of their commercial strategies.
- **Stage 2** – Initial screening & safety assessment: Administrator conducts preliminary screening of information submitted by Nominators. Nominators are notified of the outcome of the initial screening assessment.
- **Stage 3** – Product sampling: Products that pass Stage 2 are approved for laboratory testing

and field evaluation. Product samples used for lab and usability testing are randomly selected from stock at authorized dealers, retailers, outlets, factories, or warehouses. Product samples are sent to the approved test lab and field evaluation location.

- **Stage 4** – Laboratory testing: Products that pass Stage 2 undergo full laboratory testing (concurrently with usability testing ) to generate performance data for comparison. We will also be undertaking indoor air quality testing at this stage to generate data on health impacts.
- **Stage 5** – Assessment of Test Results & Determination of Competition Winners: Results from Stages 1-4 are compiled, evaluated and compared to identify best-in-class induction cooktops. Awards will be given to the Winner and Finalists for each category.

## Eligibility Requirements

Products eligible for the Competition must meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Commercially available **portable**<sup>iii</sup> induction cooktop.
- (2) AC, DC or Hybrid powered
- (3) Meets the requirements of IEC 60335-2-36:2021  
**NB:** Nominators with an interest to sell and/ or distribute products in Indonesia and/or Ghana will need to ensure they meet the national safety standards regulation to import them in these markets ; for Indonesia- **Indonesian Standard SNI IEC 60335-2-6:2010** and Ghana - **GS IEC 60335-1:2010** for Safety of Household and Similar Electrical Cooking Appliances.
- (4) Include at least a one (1) year manufacturer warranty and OR other after-sales support services, to cover parts and workmanship defects.

- (5) Be available for purchase from authorized suppliers or outlets in Ghana and Indonesia **OR** can be imported into these markets.
- (6) Be packaged and sold with safe operating instructions; and
- (7) Not knowingly be in violation of another's intellectual property.

For purposes of the Global LEAP Awards, "commercially available" means that Nominators must be able to fulfill an order of no less than 100 units by the start of the usability testing.

## Procedures

### 1. Nomination

Organizations that wish to nominate eligible Induction Cooktops ("Products") for the Competition should do so using the online [nomination form](#). Nomination is free.

Entries may be submitted by Product manufacturers, suppliers, designers, or associated distributors ("Nominators"). In the case of nominations from suppliers, designers, or distributors, a supporting letter from the manufacturer that confirms their support for the Product nomination must be included with the submitted materials.

Nominators that nominated their products in the [inaugural 2024 Competition](#) are eligible to participate in this second round. These products are only required to undergo usability testing. Repeat participants will have the benefit of introducing their products to new markets.

Nominators that are unable to submit the required form online or by email should contact the Administrator for an offline version. (The online and offline version of the nomination form shall be referred to herein as the "Nomination Form") The Administrator can be contacted via email at [globalleap@efficiencyforaccess.org](mailto:globalleap@efficiencyforaccess.org) via fax at +1 (202) 750-5601, via phone at +1 (202) 750-5117, or via post at:

Global LEAP Awards  
c/o CLASP  
Principal Place, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
School Lane , Westlands  
Nairobi, Kenya

The nomination process for the Global LEAP Awards begins at 00:00:01 EAT on 18 Nov 2025. The deadline for receipt of all nominations is 23:59:59 EAT on 12 Dec 2025 (the "Nomination Deadline").

All information on the Nomination Form must be completed or the nomination will be deemed void. Nomination Forms must be accompanied by: (i) a specification sheet that states the Product's technical requirements, and relevant performance factors); (ii) an electronic or print copy of the Product user manual and/or safety instructions to end-users; (iii) a photograph of the Product; and (iv) official documentation of the Product's warranty. Nominators agree to cooperate with the Administrator to supply other information regarding the Product requested by Administrator or the nomination will be deemed void.

Nominators may submit more than one Product type or model up to a total of 4 unique products , but a separate application package must accompany each nomination.

Fully completed Nomination Forms must be received in accordance with these Terms and Conditions by the Nomination Deadline to be eligible to win an award. All late or incomplete nominations will be deemed void and not eligible to enter or win. Administrator's computer is the official time keeping device for the Global LEAP Awards. Early submissions are strongly encouraged. The Administrator will only accept the first properly completed nomination for any Product.

### **Administrator Led Nomination**

The Administrator may at their discretion include select induction cooktop brands in the competition depending on the diversity of induction cooktop brands nominated by companies. This may be done through direct purchase of commercially available induction cooktop brands from major retail stores in Ghana and Indonesia. Induction cooktops included in the competition by the Administrator will not be eligible for the cash prize award. While results of the usability testing for the Administrator products may be included in the buyers guide, only products nominated by suppliers during the nomination window will be eligible for cash prize.

## **2. Conditions of Entry**

By submitting a nomination, all Nominators agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. Participation in the Competition is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Administrator. All nominations and materials submitted in connection therewith shall become the sole property of the Administrator and will not be returned. Nominators agree and acknowledge that the information submitted in or with Nomination Forms do not contain any confidential or trade secret information. Specific test results will be delivered to [Nominee].

Participants in the Global LEAP Awards may be added to Global LEAP, Efficiency for Access Coalition and MECS mailing lists and contact databases and may receive information on relevant activities. By submitting a nomination, all Nominators and [Nominees] agree to the inclusion of such information in such lists and databases, and to receive such information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this paragraph shall constitute a waiver of any rights under applicable law.

Global LEAP, the Efficiency for Access Coalition and MECS, and the Administrator may use the winning and/or finalist Products for public information purposes and to promote the Global LEAP Awards via such media as websites, brochures, and events. By submitting a nomination, all Nominators and [Nominees] consent to such use.

Global LEAP, Efficiency for Access, MECS, and the Administrator may make public any Product specifications provided in the Nomination Form (e.g., energy consumption, capacity) and data gathered through the Usability Testing. By submitting a nomination, all Nominators and [Nominees] consent to such publication.

## **3. Pre-Screening & Notification**

The Administrator will pre-screen nominations and select "Preliminary Finalists" for each Category. This review will be based upon Product data as provided in the Nomination Form. All Products that meet the eligibility criteria listed above based on the information provided in the Nomination Form will be deemed Preliminary Finalists.

The Administrator will notify Nominators of pre-screening decisions by email on or before 19 December 2025. Products that pass the pre-screening process will be deemed Preliminary Finalists.

#### **4. Product Sampling & Shipping**

##### **a) For Nominators of Preliminary Finalist Products selling products already in Ghana and Indonesia**

Upon notification, Nominators will provide information about authorized dealers, retailers or outlets where the Administrator can purchase two samples of the nominated product. Once purchased, the Administrator will verify the Serial Number or Product Identification Code with the manufacturer/distributor to verify the authenticity of the purchased product. The Administrator's will purchase (2-3) of such nominated Products for testing and will also be responsible for shipping/transporting Products to the selected test sites.

##### **b) For Nominators of Preliminary Finalist Products with intent to sell products in Ghana and Indonesia**

Upon notification, Nominators will provide information about location of their product warehouses . The Administrator will be responsible for sampling (2- 3) nominated products for testing . The Nominator will be responsible for shipping/ transporting Products to the selected test sites.

#### **5. Fees**

Nomination is free.

In the event the induction cooktops do not meet the safety requirements for Ghana and or Indonesia, Nominators will need to provide test samples (2 induction cooktops) for an initial laboratory testing in an accredited lab in either country. The Nominator will bear the cost of testing the induction cooktops. Nominators wishing to have their induction cooktops tested in order to participate in the usability testing competition will be required to reach out to the Administrator through [globalleap@efficiencyforaccess.org](mailto:globalleap@efficiencyforaccess.org).

#### **6. Usability Testing**

All Products that satisfactorily meet the relevant standards will undergo field-based usability testing to evaluate technical performance and user experience in a real-world setting. Usability testing will take place in Accra , Ghana and Nairobi and Jakarta, Indonesia. .This usability testing will be conducted according to the usability testing protocol developed by the EforA and MECS which combines a mix of energy performance monitoring, controlled cooking tests, uncontrolled cooking tests and focus group discussions on user experience using the induction cooktops.

Nominated products will be tested for a period of 3 months through a series of controlled cooking tests where users will cook pre-selected dishes following the same recipes and uncontrolled cooking tests where users will get to interact with the induction cooktops during their normal kitchen operations.

Energy performance data will be collected through GSM enabled energy meters while user experience data will be collected by moderators and ethnographers through focus group discussions and WhatsApp conversations and tracked in data tracking sheets.

#### Preliminary Attributes

- Energy consumption
- Service delivery<sup>iv</sup>
- Affordability
- Quality and design
- Safety
- Warranty

Additional attributes emerging from the opening workshop and focus group discussions with end users can be added to the list at any point during this first phase (irrelevant attributes can also be removed).

A panel of experts will evaluate the performance and user feedback collected over the 3-month period and provide an informed assessment and ranking of each product against the final list of attributes.

### **Indoor Air Quality testing**

In parallel with usability testing, indoor air quality testing will be conducted to generate data on health impacts. More detailed information will be shared upon the completion of the testing protocol.

### **Winner Selection**

Size and Form Factor Categories:

Size and form factor category winners will be determined based on the usability testing process. Each of the Competition's Preliminary Finalists is eligible to be awarded up to 100 points based on the following:

- *Energy Consumption*: Evaluation of energy consumption and cooking performance based on controlled cooking tests of select dishes.
- *Affordability*: Cost of the product as well as operating cost based on the energy use monitored throughout the period of usability testing.
- *Expert Assessment*: A panel of Expert Judges<sup>v</sup> will also evaluate quality and design factors (e.g. options and functionality, look and feel of Product, packaging and instructions), based on data provided in the nominations and gathered through Usability Testing. The panel of Expert Judges will include technical, development, and industry and market experts, and may include representatives from the donor agencies supporting the Competition.

Winners will be determined in the following way:

- Total points will be awarded based on a combination of a formulaic assessment that captures the quantitative factors and the average assessment of the Expert Judges. The formulaic assessment will represent an index of the critical cooking factors relevant to Induction Cooktop users, including cooking quality and speed, safety, durability, energy performance, and design and usability features, among others. The total score will be determined for each Product relative to other Products in the same Category.
- Products may earn “extra credit” points based on the duration of the warranty.
- All methodologies used to award points shall be applied uniformly with respect to all Finalist Products.

The Product in each Category that earns the most points will be declared the “Winner” of its Category. In the event of a tie, a category will have multiple Winners with each of the Products that earned the highest number of points declared a Winner. All Preliminary Finalists other than the Winners shall be referred to as “Finalists”. The Administrator reserves the right to exclude from all Competition promotions any Preliminary Finalist Product that fails during the usability testing period.

**Innovation Cash Prize:**

\$100,000 Innovation Cash Prize purse will be awarded based on the results of the usability testing process. Winner selection will be based on energy efficiency, best user experience and innovative

user centric design among other criteria. The final selection criteria will be made available to preliminary finalists as soon as the test protocols are completed.

All decisions rendered by the Global LEAP Awards Expert Judges or Administrator are final.

Should no nominated Product in a given Category satisfy the stated requirements, the Administrator reserves the right to NOT name a Winner or Winners in that Category.

Should the Administrator discover that reliable comparisons of products across the Competition's Categories is not possible, the Administrator reserves the right to strike or redefine those Categories or create new Categories. In such event, the Administrator will give notice to all Nominators, and Nominators will have ten (10) calendar days from the date of such notice to request a recategorization of its nomination.

Product usability test results will be delivered to the Preliminary Finalists after the announcement of Competition results. Test results may be used by the Administrator for market intelligence reporting. The Nominator will remain the owner of all intellectual property related to the Product, its technology, and/or its design, as applicable, with the exception of the following: (1) declared performance data and product technical specifications submitted with a Product's nomination and (2) test results generated through the usability testing process.

### **Benefits to Global LEAP Awards Winners and Finalists**

The manufacturers of Winners and Finalists will receive the right to use a Global LEAP Awards logo and phrase (the "Global LEAP Awards IP") in marketing materials for the Product in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.

*All Global LEAP Winners and Finalists will be eligible for the following:*

1. A Global LEAP-sponsored communications campaign will be launched in conjunction with the awards to publicize the Winners and Finalists in the Competition and raise consumer awareness about high-quality and energy-efficient off-grid refrigeration. Among other efforts, Global LEAP will distribute information about Winners and Finalists to off-grid industry leaders and procurement officials.
2. Tap into MECS, EforA, and CLASP networks for business and partnership opportunities.
3. Up to \$100,000 USD innovation cash prize money.

### **7. Timeline**

Stage	Item	Due Date and/or Timeline
Nominations	Nominations Open	18 Aug 2025
	Nominations Close	12 Dec 2025

Stage	Item	Due Date and/or Timeline
Pre-Screening	All Nominators Notified of Preliminary Finalist Status	Dec 2026
Product Sampling	All Product Purchase and Shipping and Verification with Nominator Completed	Jan 2026
Product Field Deployment	Deployment of products , energy and indoor air quality measuring devices to users for field testing	Feb 2026
Product Testing	Usability Testing	Mar- May 2026
Data Analysis	Assessment of laboratory and field results	Jun-Jul 2026
Data Evaluation	Expert Judge Evaluation	Aug 2026
Awards Announcement and Promotions	Competition Winners & Finalists Named	Sep 2026

Please note that the timeline above is subject to change due to constraints in shipping products to laboratory and other considerations. All preliminary finalists will be notified of changes, if necessary.

A separate timeline for usability testing will be provided to Participant as soon as the dates are final.

## **8. Competition Contact Information**

For both general and specific inquiries about the Global LEAP Awards contact the Administrator: [globalleap@EfficiencyforAccess.org](mailto:globalleap@EfficiencyforAccess.org).

## **Additional Terms and Conditions**

### **1. Excluded List Screening**

The Administrator will conduct a responsibility determination before designating Winners and Finalists to ensure that any award meets applicable laws, including regulations administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the US Department of Treasury. For more information see OFAC website: <http://www.ustreas.gov/ofac>.

### **2. Award Restrictions**

Nominators and [Nominee]s agree not to challenge or seek to register any intellectual property associated with the Global LEAP Awards Competition. Winners and Finalists will be granted a limited personal license to use the Global LEAP Awards IP to advertise and promote the award or finalist status granted to the specific model of their Product for one year from the date of the announcement of the Winners. All use of the Global LEAP Awards IP must be in compliance with the guidelines published by Administrator that will be provided to Winners at a later date. Nominators, Nominee(s), Winners and

Finalists agree not to use the Global LEAP Awards IP or make any mention of winning an award that is not consistent with these Terms and Conditions, and to immediately cease all inconsistent use upon notice by Administrator. Winners and Finalists may only promote that an award pertains to the specific Product model winning an award, may not state or imply that the award applies to other product models of a Winner or Finalist, and must clearly state whether the Product was a Finalist or Winner. Winners and Finalists may not use the Global LEAP Awards IP to state or imply that the Administrator or

any other entity or person associated with the Competition endorse or are affiliated with the Winner or Finalist or its Products.

### **3. Publicity**

Except where and as may be prohibited by law, participation in the Global LEAP Awards constitutes express permission of a [Nominee] and Nominator for the Administrator (and those acting pursuant to the authority of the Administrator) to use each Nominator's and [Nominee]'s name, logo, trademark and nomination for the Global LEAP Awards for advertising, trade, and publicity purposes for the Global LEAP program and the Competition in all forms of media now known or hereafter discovered or devised, worldwide, in perpetuity, without further notice, review or approval, or compensation. Subject to the permissions granted in these Terms and Conditions, [Nominee]s and/or Nominators, as applicable, shall retain all rights, title and interests in and to the intellectual property in their Products.

### **4. General Conditions**

By participating in the Competition, each Nominator and [Nominee] fully and unconditionally agrees to and accepts these Terms and Conditions and the decisions of the Administrator, which are final and binding in all respects. By participating in the Competition, each Nominator and [Nominee] waives any right to claim ambiguity in these Terms and Conditions. A [Nominee] is not a Winner or Finalist unless and until it has fully complied with these Terms and Conditions. The Administrator reserves the right to adjust, strike, or redefine any of these Terms and Conditions at any time and for any reason, and shall give prompt notice thereof to all Nominators, and Nominators will have five (5) business days from the date of such notice to withdraw from the competition. The Administrator reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, extend, or suspend the Global LEAP Awards (in whole or in part) should non-authorized intervention, fraud, or other causes corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, or proper conduct of the Global LEAP Awards. In such case, the Administrator may name Winners from all eligible nominations received for the Global LEAP Awards prior to and/or after (if appropriate) the action taken by Administrator or via some other means determined by Administrator in its sole and absolute discretion to be fair, appropriate and consistent with these Terms and Conditions. Awards may not be given if in the Administrator's sole discretion, an insufficient number of nominations were received in a Category. [In its sole discretion, the Administrator may award more than one Winner in a Category. The Administrator anticipates that all Winners will be announced in February 2025. Administrator reserves the right to disqualify any Product if it determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the Product's Nominator and/or [Nominee] is or is attempting or intending to: (a) tamper with any aspect of the operation of the Competition, (b) defraud the Global LEAP Awards, (c) undermine the legitimate operation of the Global LEAP Awards, its sponsors, its partners, or the Administrator by cheating, deception, or other unfair playing practices, (d) annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass any other participants, the Administrator, or representatives of Global LEAP, or (e) act in violation of these Terms and Conditions. In such an event, the Administrator reserves the right (in addition to disqualification of such Product) to seek damages from any such [Nominee] and/or Nominator to the fullest extent permitted by law. The Administrator's failure to enforce any provision of these Terms and Conditions shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. Any entity that enters the Global LEAP Awards through means not permitted by these Terms and Conditions is subject to disqualification. The Administrator is not required to respond to questions about the Global LEAP Awards. The preemption, cancellation, or rescheduling of the Global LEAP Awards, shall be excused to the extent that performance of the Competition is rendered impossible or commercially unreasonable by strike, fire, flood, hurricane, earthquakes, other natural disaster,

governmental acts or orders or restrictions, or any other reason beyond the Administrator's reasonable control.

## **5. General Release and Waiver of Claims**

By entering the Global LEAP Awards, each [Nominee] and Nominator hereby indemnifies, defends, and holds harmless the Administrator, Global LEAP, and all of their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising agencies, and all of their respective directors, officers, governors, employees, shareholders, and agents (collectively, the "Releasees") from any and all liability, loss, harm, damage, cost (including but not limited to reasonable counsel fees and court costs), expense, or claims, including arising from third party claims based on: (i) publicity and/or privacy rights, defamation, and intellectual property associated with the Nominator's participation in the Global LEAP Awards; (ii) any award associated with the Global LEAP Awards; (iii) the administration of the Competition; (iv) the use, collection, or release of any and all testing data, and/or use or misuse of any award in connection with the Global LEAP Awards, and (v) anything that may occur in connection with acceptance and/or use of the award or while participating in the Global LEAP Awards, even if caused or contributed to by the negligence of Releasees.

## **6. Limitations of Liability**

Neither Administrator's nor any other Releasee is responsible for lost, late, incomplete, stolen, misdirected, illegible, erroneous or incomplete Nomination Forms. Neither Administrator nor any other Releasee is responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, and neither Administrator nor any Releasee assumes responsibility for any error, omission, defect, theft, destruction, or unauthorized access to the samples, materials or Products related to the Global LEAP Awards, or for any damage to any Sample or Product. Any use of robotic, macro, automatic, programmed or like entry methods will void all such entries by such methods. No responsibility is assumed by the Administrator for publication or dissemination of any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by Releasees, Nominators, website users, testing organizations, tampering, hacking, Product testing or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Global LEAP Awards; and none of the Releasees assume any responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation of the Global LEAP Awards. IN NO EVENT WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR OR ANY RELEASEE BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY INJURIES, CLAIMS, ACTIONS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES RESULTING FROM OR ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN, OR ADMINISTRATION OF, THE GLOBAL LEAP AWARDS, OR ACCEPTANCE, POSSESSION, USE, MISUSE, OR NONUSE OF AN AWARD. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, ALL AWARDS AND THE GLOBAL LEAP AWARDS ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR NON-INFRINGEMENT. SOME JURISDICTIONS MAY NOT ALLOW THE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OR EXCLUSION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES, SO SOME OF THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. CHECK YOUR LOCAL LAWS FOR ANY RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATIONS REGARDING THESE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSIONS. ANY ATTEMPT BY A [NOMINEE] OR NOMINATOR OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO DELIBERATELY UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE GLOBAL LEAP AWARDS MAY BE A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS, AND SHOULD ANY SUCH ATTEMPT BE MADE, THE ADMINISTRATOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON OR ENTITY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

## 7. Choice of Law

Nominators agree that: (1) any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Global LEAP Awards, or any award, or the determination of the Winners, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; (2) any and all claims, judgments, and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Global LEAP Awards but in no event attorneys' fees. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of these Terms and Conditions, or the rights and obligations of [Nominee] and/or Nominator and/or Administrator in connection with the Global LEAP Awards, shall be governed by, and construed solely and exclusively in accordance with, the laws of the District of Columbia, United States of America, without regard to its conflicts of law doctrine, and all proceedings shall exclusively take place in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. [Nominee] agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of such court and waives any right to change of venue or any like right.

## References

Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) . 2014. "Induction Cooking Technology Design and Assessment." *ACEEE Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings* 370-379.

## 8. Copy of Winner's List

For a list of Winners visit the website of the Administrator located at [globalLEAPawards.org](http://globalLEAPawards.org).

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<sup>i</sup> Induction cooktops use electromagnetic energy to interact with compatible pots and pans and turns them into their own heat source. Induction cooking relies on the principle of magnetic induction, in which eddy currents are excited in a ferromagnetic cookware when in the presence of an oscillating magnetic field.

<sup>ii</sup> Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) . 2014. "Induction Cooking Technology Design and Assessment." *ACEEE Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings* 370-379.

<sup>iii</sup> Freestanding and in-built induction cooktops are not eligible for this Competition.

<sup>iv</sup> Calculated based on user feedback cooking pre-selected dishes

<sup>v</sup> The panel of Expert Judges will include technical, development, and off-grid industry and market experts, and may include representatives from the donor agencies supporting the Competition (i.e UK Aid, MECS). Expert Judges will not have personal or financial interests in, or be an employee, officer, director, or agent of any entity that is participating in the competition