

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19th day of May, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

[Application No. D-10269]

Withdrawal of the Notice of Proposed Exemption Involving the Travelers Group Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan) Located in New York, NY

In the **Federal Register** dated December 30, 1996, (61 FR 68794), the Department of Labor (the Department) published a notice of proposed exemption from the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and from certain taxes imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The notice of proposed exemption concerned: (1) The in-kind contribution by Travelers Group Inc. (TGI) of certain options (the Stock Option or Stock Options) into the accounts in the Plan of eligible employees of TGI and its subsidiaries and affiliates (the Employees or Employee); (2) the holding of the Stock Options by such accounts; and (3) the exercise of such Stock Options by Employees in order to purchase shares of common stock of TGI.

By letter dated April 29, 2003, Citigroup Inc., (formerly TGI) and its affiliates requested that the application for exemption be withdrawn.

Accordingly, the notice of proposed exemption is hereby withdrawn.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19th day of May 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL2-92]

Canadian Standards Association; Application for Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory under 29 CFR 1910.7, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

DATES: You may submit comments in response to this notice, or any request for extension of the time to comment, by (1) regular mail, (2) express or overnight delivery service, (3) hand delivery, (4) messenger service, or (5) FAX transmission (facsimile). Because of security-related problems there may be a significant delay in the receipt of comments by regular mail. Comments (or any request for extension of the time to comment) must be submitted by the following dates:

Regular mail and express delivery service: Your comments must be postmarked by June 6, 2003.

Hand delivery and messenger service: Your comments must be received in the OSHA Docket Office by June 6, 2003. OSHA Docket Office and Department of Labor hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Facsimile and electronic transmission: Your comments must be sent by June 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: *Regular mail, express delivery, hand-delivery, and messenger service:* You must submit three copies of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket NRTL2-92, Room N-2625, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 for information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by express delivery, hand delivery and messenger service.

Facsimile: If your comments, including any attachments, are 10 pages or fewer, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648. You must include the docket number of this

notice, Docket NRTL2-92, in your comments.

Internet access to comments and submissions: OSHA will place comments and submissions in response to this notice on the OSHA Web page <http://www.osha.gov>. Accordingly, OSHA cautions you about submitting information of a personal nature (e.g., social security number, date of birth). There may be a lag time between when comments and submissions are received and when they are placed on the Web page. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 for information about materials not available through the OSHA Web page and for assistance in using the Web page to locate docket submissions. Comments and submissions will also be available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office at the address above.

Extension of Comment Period: Submit requests for extensions concerning this notice to: Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N3653, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Or fax to (202) 693-1644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherry Nicolas, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Room N3653 at the address shown immediately above for the program, or phone (202) 693-2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Application

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that Canadian Standards Association (CSA) has applied for expansion of its current recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). CSA's expansion request covers the use of additional test standards. OSHA's current scope of recognition for CSA may be found in the following informational Web page: <http://www.osha-slc.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/csa.html>.

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization has met the legal requirements in section 1910.7 of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, OSHA can accept products "properly certified" by the NRTL.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for initial recognition or for

expansion or renewal of this recognition following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the Agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides its preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides its final decision on an application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of this scope.

The most recent notices published by OSHA for CSA's recognition covered a renewal and expansion of recognition, which OSHA announced on March 16, 2001 (66 FR 15280) and granted on July 3, 2001 (66 FR 35271).

The current addresses of the testing facilities (sites) that OSHA recognizes for CSA are:

- Canadian Standards Association, Etobicoke (Toronto), 178 Rexdale Boulevard, Etobicoke, Ontario, M9W 1R3.
- CSA International, Pointe-Claire (Montreal), 865 Ellingham Street, Pointe-Claire, Quebec H9R 5E8.
- CSA International, Richmond (Vancouver), 13799 Commerce Parkway, Richmond, British Columbia V6V 2N9.
- CSA International, Edmonton, 1707-94th Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6N 1E6.
- CSA International, Cleveland, 8501 East Pleasant Valley Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44131 (formerly part of the American Gas Association).
- CSA International, Irvine, 2805 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California 92606.

General Background on the Application

CSA has submitted a request, dated March 27, 2002 (*see* Exhibit 30), to expand its recognition as an NRTL to use 17 additional test standards. The NRTL Program staff has determined that nine of these standards cannot be included in the expansion because they are not "appropriate test standards," within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910.7(c). The staff makes similar determinations in processing expansion requests from any NRTL. Therefore, OSHA would approve eight test standards for the expansion, which are listed below. Through no fault of CSA, the application has been delayed in processing.

CSA seeks recognition for testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the following additional test standards.

- ANSI Z21.19 Refrigerators Using Gas Fuel
- ANSI Z21.42 Gas-Fired Illuminating Appliances
- ANSI Z21.45 Flexible Connectors of Other Than All-Metal Construction for Gas Appliances
- ANSI Z21.54 Gas Hose Connectors for Portable Outdoor Gas-Fired Appliances

- ANSI Z21.57 Recreational Vehicle Cooking Gas Appliances
- ANSI Z21.58 Outdoor Cooking Gas Appliances
- ANSI Z21.74 Portable Refrigerators for Use With HD-5 Propane Gas
- ANSI Z21.76 Gas-Fired Unvented Catalytic Room Heaters for Use With Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gases
- UL 2017 General Purpose Signaling Devices and Systems

The designations and titles of the above test standards were current at the time of the preparation of this notice.

OSHA recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to equipment or materials (*i.e.*, products) for which OSHA standards require third party testing and certification before use in the workplace. Consequently, an NRTL's scope of recognition excludes any product(s) falling within the scope of the test standard for which OSHA has no testing and certification requirements. CSA seeks recognition for testing and certification of products to demonstrate compliance with the following nine standards.

The Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) test standard listed above also is approved as an American National Standard by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). However, for consistency in our treatment of such standards in previous notices, we use the designation of the standards developing organization (*e.g.*, UL 2017) for the standard, as opposed to the ANSI designation (*e.g.*, ANSI/UL 2017). Under our procedures, any NRTL recognized for an ANSI-approved test standard may use either the latest proprietary version of the test standard or the latest ANSI version of that standard. Contact "NSSN" (<http://www.nssn.org>), an organization partially sponsored by ANSI, to find out whether or not a test standard is currently ANSI-approved.

Preliminary Finding on the Application

CSA has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. In connection with this request, OSHA did not perform an on-site review of CSA's NRTL testing facilities. However, NRTL Program assessment staff reviewed information pertinent to the request and recommended that CSA's recognition be expanded to include the additional test standards listed above (*see* Exhibit 31).

Following a review of the application file, the assessor's recommendation, and other pertinent documents, the NRTL Program staff has concluded that OSHA should grant to CSA the expansion of recognition as an NRTL to use the additional test standards listed above. The staff, therefore, recommended to the

Assistant Secretary that the application be preliminarily approved.

Based upon the recommendations of the staff, the Agency has made a preliminary finding that the Canadian Standards Association can meet the requirements, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7, for the expansion of recognition. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether CSA has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider it, OSHA must receive the comment at the address provided above (*see ADDRESSES*) no later than the last date for comments (*see DATES* above). Should you need more time to comment, OSHA must receive your written request for extension at the address provided above no later than the last date for comments. You must include your reason(s) for any request for extension. OSHA will limit an extension to 15 days unless the requester justifies a longer period. We may deny a request for extension if it is frivolous or otherwise unwarranted. You may obtain or review copies of CSA's request, the recommendation on the expansion, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL 2-92, the permanent record of public information on CSA's recognition.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments, and after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant CSA's expansion request. The Agency will make the final decision on granting the expansion, and in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings that are prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR section 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of April, 2003.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary.

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