

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 a preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the Agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL that details the scope of recognition. These pages are available from the Agency's website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>.

TUVAM submitted an application, dated June 12, 2017 (OSHA-2007-0043-0023), to expand the recognition to include two additional test standards. OSHA staff performed a comparability analysis and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing TUVAM's expansion application in the **Federal Register** on July 24, 2018 (83 FR 35022). The Agency requested comments by August 8, 2018, and received one comment (OSHA-2007-0043-0025) in support of the application. OSHA now is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of TUVAM's scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to the TUVAM's application, go to www.regulations.gov or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N-2625, Washington, DC 20210. Docket No. OSHA-2007-0043 contains all materials in the record concerning TUVAM's recognition.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined TUVAM's expansion application, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on a review of this evidence, OSHA finds that TUVAM meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition, subject to the limitation and conditions outlined in this notice. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant TUVAM's scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of TUVAM's recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the test standards listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1—LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN TUVAM'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 924	Standard for Emergency Lighting and Power Equipment.
UL 2108	Standard for Low Voltage Lighting Systems.

OSHA's recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to equipment or materials for which OSHA standards require third-party testing and certification before using them in the workplace. Consequently, if a test standard also covers any products for which OSHA does not require such testing and certification, a NRTL's scope of recognition does not include these products.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) may approve the test standards listed above as American National Standards. However, for convenience, we may use the designation of the standards-developing organization for the standard as opposed to the ANSI designation. Under the NRTL Program's policy (see OSHA Instruction CPL 1-0.3, Appendix C, paragraph XIV), any NRTL recognized for a particular test standard may use either the proprietary version of the test standard or the ANSI version of that standard. Contact ANSI to determine whether a test standard is currently ANSI-approved.

A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, TUVAM must abide by the following conditions of the recognition:

1. TUVAM must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in operations as a NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);
2. TUVAM must meet all the terms of its recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and
3. TUVAM must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on TUVAM's scope of recognition, in all recognized areas.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby expands the scope of recognition of TUVAM, subject to the limitation and conditions specified above.

III. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 1, 2019.

Loren Sweatt,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2006-0040]

SGS North America, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition and Proposed Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the application of SGS North America, Inc. for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application. Additionally, OSHA proposes to add fourteen test standards to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards.

DATES: Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before February 22, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by any of the following methods:

Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at: <https://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

Facsimile: If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: When using this method, you must submit a copy of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No.

OSHA–2006–0040, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3653, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the Docket Office’s normal business hours, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., ET.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and the OSHA docket number (OSHA–2006–0040). OSHA places comments and other materials, including any personal information, in the public docket without revision, and these materials will be available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, the agency cautions commenters about submitting statements they do not want made available to the public, or submitting comments that contain personal information (either about themselves or others) such as Social Security numbers, birth dates, and medical data.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. All documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <https://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection at the OSHA Docket Office.

Extension of comment period: Submit requests for an extension of the comment period on or before February 22, 2019 to the Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N–3653, Washington, DC 20210, or by fax to (202) 693–1644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, phone: (202) 693–2110 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of the Application for Expansion

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is providing notice that SGS North America, Inc. (SGS) is applying for expansion of its current recognition as a NRTL. SGS requests the addition of sixty-three test standards to its NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 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. Each NRTL’s scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by its applicable test standard; and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL’s scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition and for an

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. In the second notice, the agency provides its final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL’s scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL, including SGS, which details the NRTL’s scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

SGS currently has nine facilities (sites) recognized by OSHA for product testing and certification, with the headquarters located at: SGS North America, Inc., 620 Old Peachtree Road, Suwanee, Georgia 30024. A complete list of SGS’s scope of recognition is available at <https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/sgs.html>.

II. General Background on the Application

SGS submitted eleven applications to OSHA to expand its recognition as an NRTL to include sixty-three additional test standards. These applications were consolidated into a single application and submitted to OSHA on October 4, 2018 (OSHA–2006–0040–0036). OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packets and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

Table 1 below lists the appropriate test standards found in SGS’s application for expansion for testing and certification of products under the NRTL Program.

TABLE 1—PROPOSED LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN SGS’S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 82	Standard for Electric Gardening Appliances.
UL 588	Standard for Seasonal and Holiday Decorative Products.
UL 1573	Standard for Stage and Studio Luminaires and Connector Strips.
UL 1598C	Standard for Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Retrofit Luminaire Conversion Kits.
UL 1838	Standard for Low Voltage Landscape Lighting Systems.
UL 2388	Standard for Flexible Lighting Products.
UL 496	Lampholders.
UL 924	Standard for Emergency Lighting and Power Equipment.
UL 935	Standard for Fluorescent-Lamp Ballasts.
UL 8752	Standard for Organic Light Emitting Diode (OLED) Panels.
UL 962	Standard for Household and Commercial Furnishings.
UL 1029	Standard for High-Intensity-Discharge Lamp Ballasts.
UL 1598A	Standard for Supplemental Requirements for Luminaries for Installation on Marine Vessels.

TABLE 1—PROPOSED LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN SGS'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION—Continued

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 234	Standard for Low Voltage Lighting Fixtures for Use in Recreational Vehicles.
UL 499	Standard for Electric Heating Appliances.
UL 2021	Standard for Fixed and Location-Dedicated Electric Room Heaters.
UL 1017	Vacuum Cleaners, Blower Cleaners, and Household Floor Finishing Machines.
UL 778	Standard for Motor-Operated Water Pumps.
UL 998	Humidifiers.
UL 859	Standard for Household Electric Personal Grooming Appliances.
UL 1082	Standard for Household Electric Coffee Makers and Brewing-Type Appliances.
UL 1083	Household Electric Skillets and Frying-Type Appliances.
UL 1647	Standard for Motor-Operated Massage and Exercise Machines.
UL 1278	Standard for Movable and Wall- or Ceiling-Hung Electric Room Heaters.
UL 471	Standard for Commercial Refrigerators and Freezers.
UL 197	Standard for Commercial Electric Cooking Appliances.
UL 541	Standard for Refrigerated Vending Machines.
UL 563	Standard for Ice Makers.
UL 858	Standard for Household Electric Ranges.
UL 561	Standard for Floor-Finishing Machines.
UL 867	Standard for Electrostatic Air Cleaners.
UL 2157	Electric Clothes Washing Machines and Extractors.
UL 2158	Electric Clothes Dryers.
UL 174	Standard for Household Electric Storage Tank Water Heaters.
UL 621	Standard for Ice Cream Makers.
UL 923	Standard for Microwave Cooking Appliances.
UL 62109-1	Standard for Safety of Power Converters for use in Photovoltaic Power Systems—Part 1: General Requirements.
UL 61010-2-10	Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use—Part 2-010: Particular Requirements for Laboratory Equipment for the Heating of Materials.
UL 61010-2-30	Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use—Part 2-030: Particular Requirements for Testing and Measuring Circuits.
UL 583	Standard for Electric-Battery-Powered Industrial Trucks.
UL 749	Household Dishwashers.
UL 921	Commercial Dishwashers.
UL 979	Standard for Water Treatment Appliances.
UL 1206	Standard for Electric Commercial Clothes-Washing Equipment.
UL 1240	Standard for Electric Commercial Clothes-Drying Equipment.
UL 1450	Standard for Motor-Operated Air Compressors, Vacuum Pumps, and Painting Equipment.
UL 1995	Heating and Cooling Equipment.
UL 674	Electric Motors and Generators for Use in Hazardous (Classified) Locations.
UL 698A	Standard for Industrial Control Panels Relating to Hazardous (Classified) Locations.
UL 6141 *	Standard for Wind Turbines Permitting Entry of Personnel.
UL 61010-2-020 *	Standard for Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use—Part 2-020: Particular Requirements for Laboratory Centrifuges.
UL 1004-9 *	Standard for Form Wound and Medium Voltage Rotating Electrical Machines.
UL 3703 *	Standard for Solar Trackers.
UL 9540 *	Standard for Energy Storage Systems and Equipment.
UL 62841-1 *	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 1: General Requirements.
UL 62841-2-2 *	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2-2: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Screwdrivers and Impact Wrenches.
UL 62841-2-4 *	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2-4: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Sanders and Polishers Other Than Disc Type.
UL 62841-2-5 *	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2-5: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Circular Saws.
UL 62841-2-9 *	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2-9: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Tappers and Threaders.
UL 62841-2-14 *	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2-14: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Planers.
UL 62841-3-1 *	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 3-1: Particular Requirements for Transportable Table Saws.
UL 62841-3-9 *	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 3-9: Particular Requirements for Transportable Mitre Saws.
UL 62841-3-10 *	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 3-10: Particular Requirements For Transportable Cut-Off Machines.

* Represents the standards that OSHA proposes to add to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards.

III. Proposal To Add New Test Standards to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards

Periodically, OSHA will propose to add new test standards to the NRTL list of appropriate test standards following an evaluation of the test standard document. To qualify as an appropriate test standard, the agency evaluates the document to (1) verify it represents a product category for which OSHA requires certification by a NRTL, (2) verify the document represents an end product and not a component, and (3) verify the document defines safety test specifications (not installation or

operational performance specifications). OSHA becomes aware of new test standards through various avenues. For example, OSHA may become aware of new test standards by: (1) Monitoring notifications issued by certain Standards Development Organizations; (2) reviewing applications by NRTLs or applicants seeking recognition to include new test standard in their scopes of recognition; and (3) obtaining notification from manufacturers, manufacturing organizations, government agencies, or other parties. OSHA may determine to include a new test standard in the list, for example, if

the test standard is for a particular type of product that another test standard also covers or it covers a type of product that no standard previously covered.

In this notice, OSHA proposes to add fourteen new test standards to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards. Table 2, below, lists the test standards that are new to the NRTL Program. OSHA preliminarily determined that these test standards are appropriate test standards and proposes to include them in the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards. OSHA seeks public comment on this preliminary determination.

TABLE 2—TEST STANDARDS OSHA IS PROPOSING TO ADD TO THE NRTL PROGRAM’S LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 6141	Standard for Wind Turbines Permitting Entry of Personnel.
UL 61010–2–020	Standard for Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use—Part 2–020: Particular Requirements for Laboratory Centrifuges.
UL 1004–9	Standard for Form Wound and Medium Voltage Rotating Electrical Machines.
UL 3703	Standard for Solar Trackers.
UL 9540	Standard for Energy Storage Systems and Equipment.
UL 62841–1	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 1: General Requirements.
UL 62841–2–2	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2–2: Particular Requirements For Hand-Held Screwdrivers and Impact Wrenches.
UL 62841–2–4	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2–4: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Sanders and Polishers Other Than Disc Type.
UL 62841–2–5	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2–5: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Circular Saws.
UL 62841–2–9	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2–9: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Tappers and Threaders.
UL 62841–2–14	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2–14: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Planers.
UL 62841–3–1	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 3–1: Particular Requirements for Transportable Table Saws.
UL 62841–3–9	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 3–9: Particular Requirements for Transportable Mitre Saws.
UL 62841–3–10	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 3–10: Particular Requirements for Transportable Cut-Off Machines.

III. Preliminary Findings on the Application

SGS submitted an acceptable application for expansion of its scope of recognition. OSHA’s review of the application files, and pertinent documentation, indicate that SGS can meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expanding its recognition to include the addition of these sixty-three test standards for NRTL testing and certification listed above. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of SGS’s application.

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether SGS meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of the recognition as a NRTL. OSHA additionally welcomes comments on the proposal to add fourteen additional test standards to the NRTL Program’s List of

Appropriate Test Standards. Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request. Commenters must submit the written request for an extension by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 10 days unless the requester justifies a longer period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if the request is not adequately justified. To obtain or review copies of the exhibits identified in this notice, as well as comments submitted to the docket, contact the Docket Office, Room N–3653, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. These materials also are available online at

<http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. OSHA–2006–0040.

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner and, after addressing the issues raised by these comments, will make a recommendation to the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health whether to grant SGS’s application for expansion of its scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application. In making this decision, the Assistant Secretary may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of its final decision in the **Federal Register**.

IV. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational

Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 1, 2018.

Loren Sweatt,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2013–0012]

Proposed Modification to the List of Appropriate NRTL Program Test Standards and the Scopes of Recognition of Several NRTLs

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA proposes to: (1) Remove and replace a test standard from the NRTL Program's list of appropriate test standards; and (2) update the scopes of recognition of several NRTLs.

DATES: Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before March 11, 2019. All submissions must bear a postmark or provide other evidence of the submission date.

ADDRESSES:

Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at: <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

Facsimile: If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger, or courier service: When using this method, you must submit a copy of your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2013–0012, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–3653, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service) are accepted during the

Department of Labor's and Docket Office's normal business hours, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., E.T.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office at the above address. All documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact Kevin Robinson at the address below.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number (OSHA–2013–0012). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. For further information on submitting comments, see the “Public Participation” heading in the section of this notice titled **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

Extension of comment period: Submit requests for an extension of the comment period on or before March 11, 2019 to the Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N–3653, Washington, DC 20210, or by fax to (202) 693–1644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor by phone (202) 693–1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor by phone (202) 693–2110. OSHA's web page includes information about the NRTL Program (see <http://www.osha.gov>).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The NRTL Program recognizes organizations that provide product safety testing and certification services to manufacturers. These organizations perform testing and certification, for purposes of the Program, to U.S. consensus-based product safety test standards. The products covered by the NRTL Program consist of those items for which OSHA safety standards require “certification” by a NRTL. The requirements affect electrical products and 38 other types of products. OSHA does not develop or issue these test standards, but generally relies on standards development organizations (SDOs) which develop and maintain the standards using a method that provides input and consideration of views of industry groups, experts, users, consumers, governmental authorities and others having broad experience in the safety field involved.

Removal of Test Standards From the NRTL List of Appropriate Test Standards

OSHA may propose to remove a test standard from the NRTL list of appropriate test standards based on an internal review in which NRTL Program staff review the NRTL list of appropriate test standards to determine if the test standard conforms to the definition of appropriate test standard defined in NRTL Program regulations and policy. There are several reasons for removing a test standard based on this review. First, a document that provides the methodology for a single test is a test method rather than an appropriate test standard. A test standard must specify the safety requirements for a specific type of product(s) (29 CFR 1910.7(c)). A test method, however, is a “specified technical procedure for performing a test” (CPL 1–0.3, App. B). As such, a test method is not an appropriate test standard. While a NRTL may use a test method to determine if certain safety requirements are met, a test method is not itself a safety requirement for a specific product category.

Second, a document that focuses primarily on usage, installation, or maintenance requirements would also not be considered an appropriate test standard (CPL 1–0.3, App. D.IV.B). In some cases, however, a document may also provide safety test specifications in addition to usage, installation, and maintenance requirements. In such cases, the document would be retained as an appropriate test standard based on the safety test specifications.

Finally, a document may not be considered an appropriate test standard