

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of MET Laboratories, Inc., for expansion of its recognition to include additional test standards, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of these applications.

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 July 7, 2003.

Hand delivery and messenger service: Your comments must be received in the OSHA Docket Office by July 7, 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 July 7, 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 NRTL1-88, 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 NRTL1-88, 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 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: Bernard Pasquet or Sherrey Nicolas, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Room N3653 at the above address, or phone (202) 693-2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Application

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

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization has met the legal requirements in § 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, employers may use products "properly certified" by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification.

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 the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. We

maintain an informational Web page for each NRTL, which details its scope of recognition. These pages can be accessed from our Web site at <http://www.osha-slc.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>.

The most recent notice published by OSHA for MET's recognition covered an expansion of recognition, which became effective on May 23, 2002 (67 FR 36260).

The current address of the MET facility (site) already recognized by OSHA is: MET Laboratories, Inc., 914 West Patapsco Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

General Background on the Application

MET has submitted a request, dated April 30, 2002 (see Exhibit 32), to expand its recognition to use 20 additional test standards. The NRTL Program staff has determined that all the standards are "appropriate test standards," within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910.7(c). The staff makes such determinations in processing expansion requests from any NRTL. OSHA NRTL Program staff performed an on-site review of the NRTL in September 2002 and recommended the expansion in a memo dated October 22, 2002 (see Exhibit 33). Through no fault of MET, the application was delayed in processing. MET then submitted an amendment on May 15, 2003 (see Exhibit 32-1), to add one additional test standard to its expansion request. This standard requires the same capabilities as a few of the standards included in the original request and therefore falls within the recommendation of the assessor. As a result, a total of 21 test standards would be approved for the expansion.

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

- UL 48 Electric Signs
- UL 183 Manufactured Wiring Systems
- UL 325 Door, Drapery, Gate, Louver and Window Operator and Systems
- UL 355 Cord Reels
- UL 427 Refrigerating Units
- UL 508C Power Conversion Equipment
- UL 541 Refrigerated Vending Machines
- UL 756 Coin and Currency Changers and Actuators
- UL 778 Motor-Operated Water Pumps
- UL 916 Energy Management Equipment
- UL 961 Electric Hobby and Sports Equipment
- UL 983 Surveillance Cameras Units
- UL 1419 Professional Video and Audio Equipment