

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

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Modify Scope of Recognition of NRTLs

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice modifies the scope of recognition of certain Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 6, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice of changes to the scope of recognition of the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs) listed below. Specifically, some of the test standards that OSHA currently includes in the scope of recognition of these NRTLs are no longer “appropriate test standards” primarily because they have been withdrawn or replaced. As a result, we will delete them from the scope of recognition of each affected NRTL, as listed below in this notice. This modification in scope will be noted by making appropriate changes to the listing of test standards in our informational Web page for each NRTL, which detail OSHA’s official scope of recognition for the NRTL. These Web pages can be accessed at <http://www.osha-slc.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>. In this notice, we list the test standards to be removed for each NRTL below under the heading “Withdrawn or Replaced Standards.” We provide the following information for those who may be unfamiliar with OSHA requirements concerning NRTLs.

OSHA recognition of any 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, employers may use products “properly certified” by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification.

In testing and certifying (*i.e.*, approving) such products, NRTLs must demonstrate that the products conform to “appropriate test standards.” This term is defined under 29 CFR 1910.7(c) and essentially means consensus-based product safety test standards developed and maintained current by U.S.-based standards developing organizations (SDOs). Such test standards are not OSHA standards, which are general requirements that employers must meet, but, individually, specify technical safety requirements that a particular type of product must meet.

OSHA recognizes each NRTL for a particular scope of recognition, which includes a list of those product safety test standards that the NRTL may use in approving products. As a normal part of its operations, an SDO occasionally withdraws existing test standards or adopts replacement test standards. In such cases, OSHA can no longer consider the withdrawn or replaced standards as “appropriate,” and as a result, the Agency can no longer recognize NRTLs for the standard.

To substitute other test standards for those we are removing, under our policy, the NRTL may request or OSHA can provide recognition for comparable test standards, *i.e.*, other appropriate test standards covering comparable product testing. We list these test standards below for each NRTL under the headings “Comparable Replacement Standards.” In one case (UL 1598), OSHA already includes the comparable test standard in the NRTL’s scope. However, in many cases, there is no replacement standard or the NRTL did not request one prior to publication of this notice. However, if we receive such a request after publication of this notice and determine the test standard is “comparable,” as described above, OSHA will add it to the NRTL’s scope of recognition and therefore to OSHA’s informational web page for the NRTL.

Applied Research Laboratories, Inc. (ARL)

[Docket No. NRTL1–97]

Withdrawn or Replaced Standards

UL 1570 Fluorescent Lighting Fixtures
UL 1571 Incandescent Lighting Fixtures
UL 1572 High Intensity Discharge Lighting Fixtures

Comparable Replacement Standards (If Applicable)

UL 1598 Luminaries (already included in NRTL’s scope)

Canadian Standards Association (CSA)

[Docket No. NRTL2–92]

Withdrawn or Replaced Standards

ANSI C37.71 Three Phase, Manually Operated Subsurface Load Interrupting Switches for Alternating-Current Systems
ANSI Z21.10.2 Water Heaters—Sidearm Type Water Heaters
ANSI Z21.11.1 Gas-Fired Room Heaters—Vented Room Heaters
ANSI Z21.48 Gas-Fired Gravity and Fan Type Floor Furnaces
ANSI Z21.49 Gas-Type Gravity and Fan Type Vented Wall Furnaces
ANSI Z83.3 Gas Utilization Equipment in Large Boilers
ANSI Z83.17 Direct Gas Fired Door Heaters
UL 198B Class H Fuses
UL 198C High-Interrupting-Capacity Fuses, Current Limiting Type
UL 198D Class K Fuses
UL 198E Class R Fuses
UL 198F Plug Fuses
UL 198G Fuse for Supplementary Overcurrent Protection
UL 198H Class T Fuses
UL 198L D–C Fuses for Industrial Use
ANSI/NEMA 250 Enclosures for Electrical Equipment
UL 910 Test for Flame-Propagation and Smoke-Density Values for Electrical and Optical-Fiber Cables Used in Spaces Transporting Environmental Air
UL 1087 Molded-Case Switches
UL 1244 Electrical and Electronic Measuring and Testing Equipment**
UL 1270 Radio Receivers, Audio Systems, and Accessories
UL 1409 Low-Voltage Video Products Without Cathode-Ray-Tube Displays
UL 1410 Television Receivers and High-Voltage Video Products
UL 1570 Fluorescent Lighting Fixtures
UL 1571 Incandescent Lighting Fixtures
UL 1572 High Intensity Discharge Lighting Fixtures
UL 3101–1 Electrical Equipment for Laboratory Use; Part 1: General Requirements
UL 3101–2–20 Electrical Equipment for Laboratory Use; Part 2: Laboratory Centrifuges
UL 3111–1 Electrical Measuring and Test Equipment; Part 1: General Requirements**
UL 3121–1 Process Control Equipment
UL 8730–1 Electrical Controls for Household and Similar Use; Part 1: General Requirements