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

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. OSHA—2013–0012]

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to: (1) Add a new test standard to the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTL) Program’s list of appropriate test standards and (2) update the scopes of recognition of several NRTLs.

**DATES:** The actions contained in this notice will become effective on November 5, 2019.

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

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- **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; telephone: (202) 693–2110 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov. OSHA’s web page includes information about the NRTL Program (see http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html).

**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.

**A. Addition of New Test Standards to the NRTL List of Appropriate Test Standards**

Periodically, OSHA will 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, OSHA 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 SDOs; (2) reviewing applications by NRTLs or applicants seeking recognition to include a new test standard in their scopes of recognition; and (3) obtaining notification from manufacturers, manufacturing organizations, government agencies, or other parties that a new test standard may be appropriate to add to its list of appropriate standards. 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, covers a type of product that no standard previously covered, or is otherwise new to the NRTL Program.

**B. SDO Deletion and Replacement of Test Standards**

The NRTL program regulations require that appropriate test standards be maintained and current (29 CFR 1910.7(c)). A test standard withdrawn by a standards-development organization is no longer considered an appropriate test standard (Directive, App. C.XIV.B). It is OSHA’s policy to remove recognition of withdrawn test standards by issuing a correction notice in the Federal Register for all NRTLs recognized for the withdrawn test standards. However, SDOs frequently will designate a replacement standard for standards they withdraw. OSHA will recognize a NRTL for an appropriate replacement test standard if the NRTL has the requisite testing and evaluation capability for the replacement test standard.

One method that NRTLs may use to show such capability involves an analysis to determine whether any testing and evaluation requirements of existing test standards in a NRTL scope are comparable (i.e., are completely or substantially identical) to the requirements in the replacement test standard. If OSHA’s analysis shows the replacement test standard does not require additional or different technical capability than an existing test standard(s), the replacement test standard is comparable to the existing test standard(s), then OSHA can add the replacement test standard to affected NRTLs’ scopes of recognition. If OSHA’s analysis shows the replacement test
III. Final Decision To Modify Affected NRTLs’ Scopes of Recognition

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### TABLE 1—TEST STANDARDS OSHA IS ADDING TO THE NRTL PROGRAM’S LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS

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1 OSHA notes also that some types of devices covered by these documents, such as capacitors and transformers, may be end-use products themselves, and tested under other test standards applicable to such products. For example, the following test standard covers transformers that are end-use products: UL 1562 Standard for Transformers, Distribution, Dry-Type—Over 600 Volts. OSHA is not proposing to delete such test standards from NRTLs’ scopes of recognition.
OSHA will incorporate the modifications to each NRTL Scope of Recognition on the informational web pages. These web pages detail the scope of recognition for each NRTL, including the test standards the NRTL may use to test and certify products under OSHA’s NRTL Program. OSHA also will add, to the Appropriate Test Standards web page, those test standard added to the NRTL list of appropriate test standards, and add, to the Standards No Longer Recognized web page, those test standards that OSHA no longer recognizes or permits under the NRTL program. Access to these web pages is available at http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby updates the NRTL List of Appropriate Test Standards, subject to the limitation and conditions specified above.

**V. Authority and Signature**

Loren Sweatt, Principal 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 October 30, 2019.

Loren Sweatt,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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**SGS North America, Inc.: Applications 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 the scope of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL)

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