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Implementation of Continuing Certification for S525, S526 & S541

To: Subscribers to UL's and ULC's Certification Services under
CAN/ULC S525, Audible Signaling Devices for Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems, Including Accessories
CAN/ULC S526, Visible Signaling Devices for Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems, Including Accessories
CAN/ULC S541, Speakers for Fire Alarm and Signaling Systems, Including Accessories
Members of the ULC Advisory Committee and Other Interested Parties

On January 28, 2016 revisions were published to UL 464, UL 1480, UL 1638, CAN/ULC S525, S526 & S541 in an effort to harmonize the requirements between the US and Canada.

UL and ULC will be using the Continuing Certification process (CC) when evaluating to the new and revised requirements in place of an Industry File Review (IFR).

As part of the Continuing Certification approach, the decision was made that No Action is required for products that are currently certified to these Standards. UL is also simultaneously announcing the establishment of the CC – No Action Required program for UL 464, UL 1480 and UL 1638 under a separate technical bulletin.

CONTINUING CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION

Please refer to the following for specific details of the implementation plan.

- September 1, 2017 is the effective date. New and revised products submitted for certification on and after the effective date will be required to be investigated to the latest version of the appropriate Standard in effect.
- Existing certifications of these products will be allowed to continue to be certified after September 1, 2017 and not be withdrawn provided there are no changes to the design that require a certification decision or until a new/revised requirement in the appropriate Standard is determined as "Action Required" to require a file review in the future. For example, if changes to the design, ratings, or the use of alternate components requiring a certification decision are submitted after the effective date, the product (in its entirety) will need to be evaluated to the latest version of the appropriate Standard.

This Continuing Certification approach enables manufacturers to transition to new requirements based on their own schedule and their market demands. It will also allow manufacturers to continue producing equipment presently certified provided there are no changes made to the products or there are no modifications where compliance must be confirmed.

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The Summary of Requirements (SOR) for each Standard that address the new and/or revised requirements is accessible via the following links:

Link to > [S525 SOR](#)





Link to > [S526 SOR](#)
Link to > [S541 SOR](#)

Using the 'Information and Schedule' section on the left hand side, you can search by standard number, effective date or letter date to locate the applicable documents. The Summary of Requirements is not a certification document; the published standard is the document for certification.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the Continuing Certification approach, please contact Dan Kaiser at (847) 664-2074 or Daniel.J.Kaiser@ul.com.

Sincerely,

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