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Effective Date Announcement of CAN/ULC-S536-13, 5th Edition of the Standard for Inspection and Testing of Fire Alarm Systems – UWJSC, DAYYC, DAYIC

To: Listees of Fire Alarm Systems, Inspection and Testing
Members of the Advisory Council of Underwriters Laboratories of Canada
Members of ULC S500F, ULC Committees on Fire Alarm Equipment and Systems
Members of the S536 Committee
Other Interested

This is a follow-up to ULC Standards Bulletin 2013-24, announcing the publication of the Fifth Edition CAN/ULC-S536-13, Standard for Inspection and Testing of Fire Alarm Systems, published in October 2013. This National Standard of Canada was processed and approved by the ULC Committee on Fire Alarm and Life Safety Systems. Underwriters Laboratories of Canada Inc. has adopted the provisions of the 5th Edition of the Standard and all new submittals for alarm company investigations are being investigated to these requirements.

CAN/ULC-S536 provides requirements for the inspection and testing of fire alarm systems and specifies the devices and functions to be inspected, tested, and documented for the periodic inspection and test. The Standard is intended to apply to both required and voluntary fire alarm installations.

Some of the significant changes from the 4th Edition are as follows:

- Glossary Updates- Aligned with other fire alarm standards
- Confirmation of the operability of the fire monitoring during monthly/annual testing. CAN/ULC-S561-13
- Requirement for monthly battery testing removed
- Battery Dating and replacement
- Report Requirements- Classification of Deficiencies, Recommendations and Remarks
- Power Isolation Module testing
- EVC Buss Testing
- Field device installation and labelling
- Manual Stations- ancillary contacts and functions confirmed
- Supervisory Signals
- Fixed Type Extinguishing Systems Testing
- Suite isolator module testing

These requirements become effective for currently listed alarm companies commencing on January 1, 2015 and will be audited in the 2015 Calendar year.



Alarm companies that do not comply with these requirements by the effective date may result in the withdrawal of their ULC Listing and consequently their ability to issue ULC Certificates.

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CAN/ULC-S536-13 is available for purchase from the ULC Online Store. You can access it via the website www.ulc.ca.

Sincerely,

Underwriters Laboratories of Canada Inc.

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