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Effective Date Announcement – CAN/ULC-S561-13, 2nd Edition Of the Standard for Installation and Services for Fire Signal Receiving Centres and Systems

To: Listees of Protective Signalling Service Certificate Program (DAYIC & DAYYC)
Listees of Protective Signalling Equipment (DAYRC)
Members of the ULC Advisory Council
Members of the 500F Committee
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This Bulletin is a follow-up to ULC Standards Bulletin 2013-08, announcing the publication of the Second Edition CAN/ULC-S561-13, Standard for Installation and Services for Fire Signal Receiving Centres and Systems, published under the date of March, 2013. This National Standard of Canada was processed and approved by the ULC Committee on Fire Alarm and Life Safety Equipment and Systems.

Underwriters Laboratories of Canada Inc. has adopted the provisions of this 2nd edition of the Standard and all new submittals for alarm company investigations are being investigated in accordance with these requirements.

This Standard covers the construction, operation, installation, inspection and tests applicable to fire signal receiving centers for fire protective signaling services utilizing fire signal receiving center facilities and satellite centers and bridging centers construction and operation of a proprietary fire signal receiving center and the installation, inspection and tests applicable to fire signal transmitting unit and its field device inputs at the protected premises.

Some of the significant changes from the 1st edition of the Standard are:

- Changes in the acceptable NBC building classifications for housing a signal receiving centre
- Removal of the requirement for a signal receiving centre to be in a building with a fire alarm system
- Removal of the requirement for a second exit from the operations room
- Signal Receiving Centre Contingency Plan
- Signal Receiving Centre Gas Detection
- Transmission of AC Failure
- Minimum wire gauge for connecting wires shall be 22AWG
- Service response times (options for remote areas)

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These requirements become effective for currently listed alarm companies on September 30, 2013.

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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