

# Resimercial furniture gap analysis



The world is going through major changes in how people live their lives and subsequently work, including a much larger percentage of the population working from home in some capacity. These changes presented the furniture industry with opportunities to evolve and go after new markets, including the hybrid resimercial market.

Resimercial is a combination of the residential and commercial look and feel of furniture where household comfort is brought into the work environment. UL wants to provide a clear and transparent path forward for brands, manufacturers and retailers to help ensure they have compliant products for these new markets.

## Analysis and expertise for streamlined market access

Furnishings are utilized in a number of different settings, primarily used for residential and commercial settings. Each of these environments presents its own set of risks to users and the surrounding environment. UL evaluates products against namely UL 2999, the Standard for Individual Commercial Office Furnishings, and UL 962, the Standard for Household and Commercial Furnishings.

## Requirements within commercial (UL 2999) versus residential (UL 962)

The below table illustrates the major differences between the two Standards and market requirements.

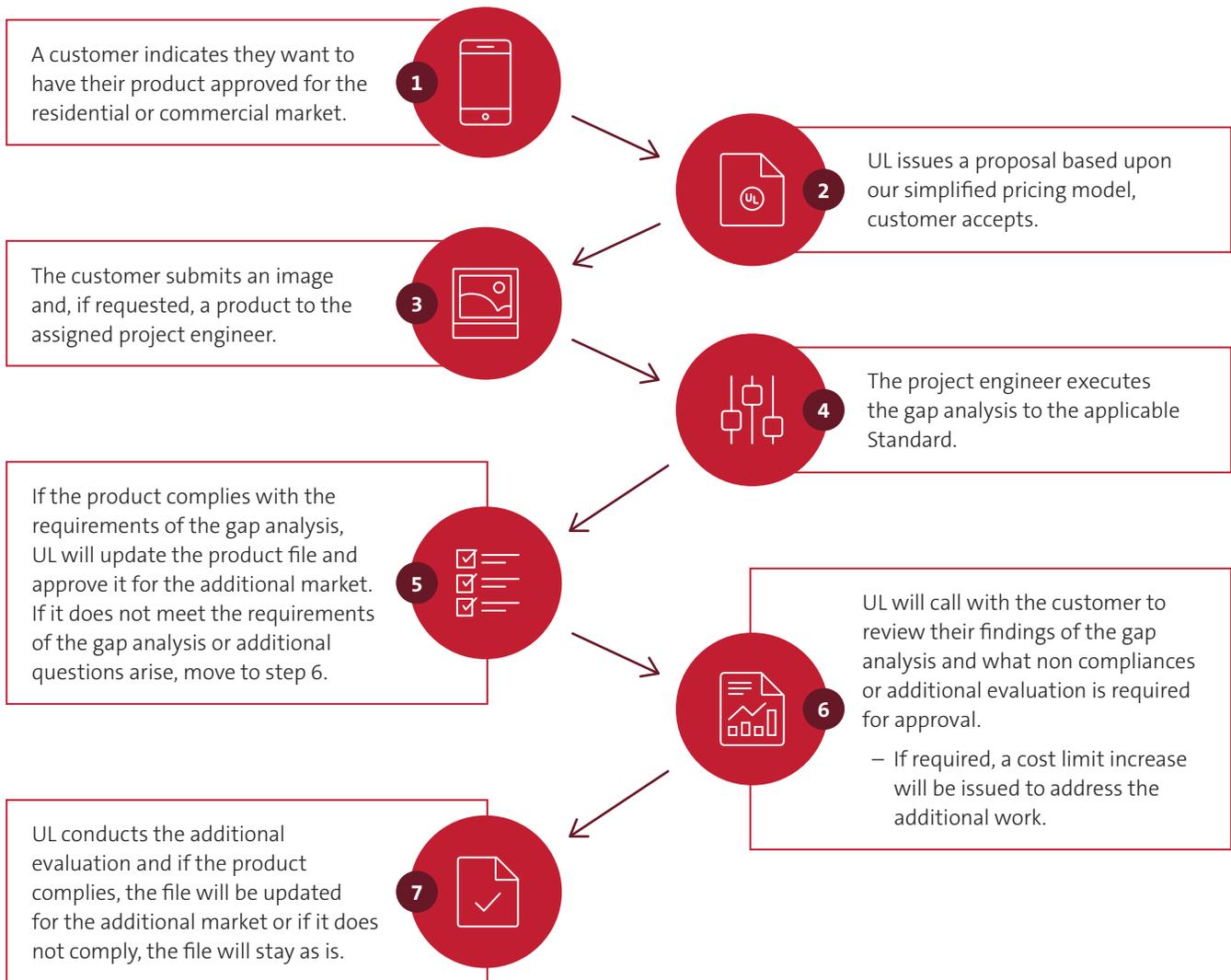
Topic	Commercial (UL 2999)	Residential (UL 962)
Construction — Personal Injury	Allows with additional considerations	Does not allow, or need, a mechanical or electronic guard
Flammability — Areas greater than 10 square feet	Requires Steiner Tunnel Test	Not required
Flammability — Seating and mattresses	Same	Same
Markings	Need to mark load rating	Do not need to.
Markings	Marked for commercial	Marketing label indicating intended use is residential and commercial
Testing — Mechanical	Refers to Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association (BIFMA) tests	BIFMA tests are considered equivalent to the UL 962 tests



## Process for evaluating existing products:

For products evaluated and initially intended for the commercial market, we would execute the gap analysis for the residential requirements and products evaluated and initially intended for the residential market, we would execute the gap analysis for the commercial requirements. We would utilize UL 2999 as the base Standard for new evaluations and execute the gaps to evaluate and approve a product for both markets.

Process framework:



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