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CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT CHANGES - ANNOUNCEMENT

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Subject: Certification Requirement Changes for Industrial Control Panels Certified for Canada

This letter will inform you of UL's position regarding certification requirements for industrial control panels certified for Canada. Currently, UL certifies industrial control panels for Canada using the requirements of CSA Standard C22.2 No. 14, Industrial Control Equipment. UL recognizes there is a dedicated Canadian standard for industrial control panels. It is CSA Standard No. 286-17, the second edition of this document is the most recent. Compliance with this standard has not been mandated by Canadian authorities.

A project to create the Third Edition of CSA 22.2 No. 286 began early 2021. The work within this project is being handled by CSA C232 (ICIC) – The Integrated Committee on Industrial Control. UL is a member of this committee and participating in activities to create the next edition of the standard. It is expected that the standard will be revised to more closely align with the UL 508A Standard, Industrial Control Panels. The work in this project is ongoing, with publication of the Third Edition of CSA 286 expected sometime later in 2022. When the Third Edition of the standard is published, UL will establish a future effective date for compliance allowing manufacturers of industrial control panels adequate time to adjust their business practices to comply with the new edition of the standard.

UL believes that waiting for the Third Edition of CSA 22.2 No. 286 is in the best interests of our industrial control panel customers. The beneficiary of harmonization of standards is the industries they serve. This will allow manufacturers of industrial control panels to build panels for both the Canadian and US markets that have few, and in many cases no, differences in construction. Requiring compliance with the Second Edition of CSA 286 at this time, and requiring compliance with the Third Edition of CSA 286, 12 to 18 months later, would place an undue and unnecessary burden on manufacturers of industrial control panels for the Canadian market. Therefore, until further notice, UL will continue our current policy to certify industrial control panels for Canada using the requirements of CSA Standard C22.2 No. 14, Industrial Control Equipment.

You are encouraged to work with your local Field Engineering Staff if you have any questions regarding requirements for Canadian certification. It is important to be able to interpret and apply these requirements correctly.

You may also contact your local UL Office for assistance. Our engineering staff is prepared to help you understand the requirements for Canadian Certification and ensure that you are able to build panels that will comply with the future Third Edition of CSA 286.

UL will send informational status letters approximately six months and three months prior to the new effective date for the Third Edition to remind you that compliance with the Third Edition will be required on and after the effective date.

Any information and documentation involving UL Mark Services are provided on behalf of UL LLC (UL) or authorized licensee of UL.

We appreciate your participation in UL's Canadian Certification Program for Industrial Control Panels and your continued cooperation with UL's Certification Requirement Changes Process.

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