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To: Subscribers to UL's Certification Services under the Standard of Safety for Electric Clothes Dryers, UL 2158

Subject: **Implementation of Continuing Certification for Electric Clothes Dryers**

BACKGROUND

This Bulletin is to inform you that UL has introduced the Continuing Certification approach to the Standards Technical Panel (STP) for UL 2158 and the STP has voted on the implementation of the changes in requirements.

Under the Continuing Certification approach, the STP responsible for the development and approval of the involved requirements has a voice in determining the implementation of the requirements. As STP 2157 is the STP responsible for the development and approval of the requirements associated with Electric Clothes Dryers under UL 2158, UL requested that each STP member vote on the implementation of the changes associated with the subject requirements.

The STP voted in the affirmative that the scope of the changes published in the Third Edition of UL 2158 are not considered significant enough to require reevaluation, allowing currently certified products to maintain certification. Additionally, the STP voted and agreed with UL's suggested effective date of **January 29, 2016** to implement the 3rd edition of UL 2158 for certification of Electric Clothes Dryers.

Please refer to the [UL Collaborative Standards Development System](#) (CSDS), Work Area under **UL 2158, Ed. 3 - Effective Date - Continuing Certification of UL 2158** - Opened 2014-10-14, for the details.

CONTINUING CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION

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

- Existing certifications of appliances will maintain their Certification provided there are no product changes that require a UL certification decision, or until a new/revised requirement in UL 2158 is determined as "Action Required" requiring an industry file review in the future.
 - *For example, if changes to the appliance design, ratings, or the use of alternate components requiring a certification decision are submitted after the January 29, 2016 effective date, the appliance will need to be evaluated to the latest version of UL 2158.*
- New and/or revised appliances submitted for certification on and after January 29, 2016 will be required to be investigated to the latest version of UL 2158, 3rd edition.

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 appliances 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 for UL 2158 that address the new and/or revised requirements is accessible via the following link:

[https://ifs.ul.com/ifr/IFR.nsf/\\$\\$Template%20for%20CCPage?OpenForm](https://ifs.ul.com/ifr/IFR.nsf/$$Template%20for%20CCPage?OpenForm)

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 Darrin Conlon at (631) 546-2872 or Darrin.Conlon@ul.com.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Mahrenholz".

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