

SUBJECT 1446

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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE SIXTH EDITION OF THE STANDARD  
FOR SYSTEMS OF INSULATING MATERIALS - GENERAL, UL 1446

### EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE

UL is extending the effective date for the Sixth Edition of the Standard Systems of Insulating Materials - General, UL 1446, from July 29, 2007 to July 28, 2012.

When the new requirements were published in UL 1446 on July 29, 2004, UL established an effective date of July 29, 2007 which was expected to be sufficient to conduct any long-term agings that may be necessary to verify the products comply with the new requirements.

The decision to extend this effective date was based on the concerns raised by the industry as to their ability to complete the long term thermal agings of their products, where in many cases capacity issues have required sequential agings resulting in much longer than anticipated time.

For those applicants whose products that have already been determined to be in compliance with the new requirements in UL 1446 6th Edition, there would be no further change in the status of your products. Those applicants who originally elected not to pursue the required testing for continued Recognition after the July 29, 2007 effective date would now have sufficient time to request that such a project be initiated to conduct this testing.

In the interim, it is recommended that all new Recognized Varnishes, Magnet Wire Coatings and Magnet Wire comply with the new requirements in UL 1446 during this period. UL strongly encourages applicants to submit affected products for evaluation to the new requirements as soon as possible to ensure that the compliance is determined before the July 28, 2012 effective date.

Questions regarding interpretation of requirements should be directed to the responsible UL staff in the office where you normally conduct engineering investigations.

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