



Subject 1696

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TO: Standards Technical Panel (STP) for Nonmetallic Mechanical Protection Tubing
Electrical Council of Underwriters Laboratories Inc.,
Subscribers to UL's Standards Service for Nonmetallic Mechanical Protection Tubing
Listees for Nonmetallic Mechanical Protection Tubing (YDRQ2)

SUBJECT: Request for Comments on the PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE for First Edition of the Standard for Nonmetallic mechanical Protection Tubing (NMPT), UL 1696

When UL 1696 was issued on March 18, 2005 with a future effective date of September 16, 2009, an unintentional conflict was introduced in the construction section of the standard.

The unintended impact of the new construction requirements is that there would be specific limits on the inner diameter, outer diameter and wall thickness of the product (see Tables 1 and 3). The effective date was revised on September 15, 2006 to extend the future effective date until September 16, 2009 so that the construction issue could be resolved and the standard clarified. The construction issue is still in the process of being resolved, UL, therefore, is proposing the postponement of the effective date to allow for the review and eventual revision of the construction section of the standard and for testing of products.

PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF EFFECTIVE DATE

UL proposes to postpone the effective date for the standard from September 16, 2009 to September 19, 2012.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS

Please provide the following:

1. Your comments concerning the impact of the proposed postponement of the effective date on your products, and
2. Your comments concerning the proposed new effective date.

Comments should be made in writing and may be sent by fax to 847-313-3126 or by mail to the attention of George Walbrecht at UL's Northbrook office. Comments may also be sent via E-mail to george.f.walbrecht@us.ul.com. Please reference all correspondence to Subject 1696.

All comments should be sent by **July 25, 2008**.

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