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Our Reference: UL 1017, UL 73

To:

Subscribers to Certification Services under the Standard for Vacuum Cleaners, Blower Cleaners, and Household Floor Finishing Machines, UL 1017, and the Standard for Motor-Operated Appliances, UL 73

Subject: Implementation of Continuing Certification Program for Vacuum Cleaners, Blower Cleaners, Household Floor Finishing Machines, and Floor Sweepers

BACKGROUND

This Bulletin is to inform you that UL has introduced the Continuing Certification approach to the Standards Technical Panel (STP) for UL 1017 and the STP has voted on the implementation of the changes in requirements. The result of this vote is that the change in requirements, from the 8th Edition of UL 1017 to the 9th Edition of UL 1017, does not warrant appliances certified to the present requirements to be recertified to the recently adopted requirements (refer to UL CSDS work area opened 2014-12-08). Consequently, UL will not conduct an Industry File Review on appliances currently certified to the 8th Edition of UL 1017.

In addition, the Scope of the 9th Edition of UL 1017 includes household and commercial floor sweepers, which were previously Certified to UL 73. Floor sweepers Certified to the present requirements (UL 73) will not have to be recertified to the recently adopted requirements (UL 1017).

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 the products presently certified provided there are no changes made to the products or there are no modifications where compliance must be confirmed.

Please visit the following link for additional information regarding the Continuing Certification approach

http://www.ul.com/global/documents/offerings/industries/powerandcontrols/resources/Continuing_Certification_Announcement_012913.pdf.

CONTINUING CERTIFICATION APPROACH

Please refer to the following for specific details of this new approach.

- Existing certifications of vacuum cleaners, blower cleaners, and household floor finishing machines to the 8th Edition of UL 1017 will be allowed to continue to be certified to the requirements in effect for the product, provided there are no changes to the appliance design that require a certification decision in accordance with the latest published Standard Revision. For example, changes to the appliance design, ratings, or the use of alternate components requiring a certification decision submitted in the future, the appliance will need to be evaluated to the 9th Edition of UL 1017. Additionally, new/revised requirements may require action to be taken in the future.

- Existing certifications of household and commercial floor sweepers to UL 73 will be allowed to continue to be certified to the requirements in effect for the product, provided there are no changes to the appliance design that require a certification decision in accordance with the latest published Standard Revision . For example, changes to the appliance design, ratings, or the use of alternate components requiring a certification decision submitted in the future, the appliance will need to be evaluated to the 9th Edition of UL 1017. Additionally, new/revised requirements may require action to be taken in the future.
- The date of **April 2, 2018** has been established as the Effective Date. After the Effective Date, only the 9th Edition of UL 1017 will be used for submittals of new/revised vacuum cleaner, blower cleaner, household floor finishing machine, and floor sweeper investigations.
- For additional information about Continuing Certification please go to: [https://ifs.ul.com/ifr/IFR.nsf/\\$\\$Template%20for%20CCPage?OpenForm](https://ifs.ul.com/ifr/IFR.nsf/$$Template%20for%20CCPage?OpenForm) and review the Introduction to Continuing Certification and Customer Facing Document.

INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The plan to transition certified appliances are as follows:

- A. Maintain certification to existing UL 73 or UL 1017, 8th Edition, requirements under the Continuing Certification approach; or
- B. Transition certification to UL 1017, 9th Edition, requirements.

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

- Household and commercial floor sweepers certified to UL 73 are currently covered under UL Category Code for Motor-Operated Cleaning Machines (DMGK/7) in UL's Online Certification Directory. Floor sweepers certified to the 9th Edition of UL 1017 will be covered under UL Category Code for Floor-finishing Machines (IMSR/7).
- Vacuum cleaners and blower cleaners certified to the 9th Edition of UL 1017 will be identified in UL's Online Certification Directory under UL Category Codes DMLW, DMLW2, DMLW7 and DMLW2.
- Household floor finishing machine certified to the 9th Edition of UL 1017 will be identified in UL's Online Certification Directory under UL Category Codes IMSR and IMSR7.

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Respectfully,



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