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Our Reference: UL 82, Eighth Edition

**To:** Subscribers to Certification Services under the Standard for Electric Gardening Appliances, UL 82

**Subject: Implementation of Continuing Certification Program for Electric Gardening Appliances**

### **BACKGROUND**

This Bulletin is to inform you that UL has introduced the Continuing Certification approach to the Standards Technical Panel for UL 82 and the STP has voted on the implementation of the changes in requirements associated with the referenced standard editions.

Under this Continuing Certification approach, the Standards Technical Panel (STP) responsible for the development and approval of the involved requirements has a voice in determining the implementation of the requirements. As STP 82 is the STP responsible for the development and approval of the requirements associated with Electric Gardening Appliances under UL 82, UL requested that each STP member vote on the implementation of the changes associated with the subject requirements.

The results of the STP votes for the new/revised requirements for UL 82, 8<sup>th</sup> edition do not warrant all cordless products to be recertified to the adopted requirements, except for a lithium-ion based system, (i.e. the battery system and the battery charger). Consequently, UL will not conduct an Industry File Review on presently certified cordless gardening appliances, except for lithium-ion based systems. Please refer to UL Collaborative Standards Development System - CSDS Work Area under UL 82 Ed. 8 - Implementation of requirements for UL 82 - Opened 2015-05-29 for details.

### **CONTINUING CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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

- June 6, 2018 is the effective date, and new products submitted for certification on and after the effective date will be required to be investigated to UL 82 8<sup>th</sup> edition.
- Existing certifications of cordless gardening appliances, except for lithium-ion based systems, will be allowed to continue to be certified after June 6, 2018 and not be withdrawn provided there are no changes to the design that require a certification decision or until a new/revised requirement in UL 82 is determined as "Action Required" to require a file review in the future.. For example, a gardening appliance that is modified by a single change such that the heating, impact and abnormal test(s) must all be performed is considered to be a modified product that requires a certification decision.
- Existing certifications of lithium-ion based systems (i.e. the battery system and the battery charger) to UL 82, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition will be reviewed by the effective date of June 6, 2018.

### ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The Summary of Requirements for UL 82 that address the new and/or revised requirements is accessible via the following link: <https://ifs.ul.com/ifr/ifr.nsf/>. 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.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the Continuing Certification approach, please contact John Stimitz at (631) 546-2214 or [John.Stimitz@ul.com](mailto:John.Stimitz@ul.com).

Respectfully,



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