

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

[Docket No. OSHA–2006–0040]

**SGS North America, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition**

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for SGS North America, Inc., as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

**DATES:** The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on August 16, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

*Press inquiries:* Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693–1999; email: [meilinger.francis2@dol.gov](mailto:meilinger.francis2@dol.gov).

*General and technical information:* Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693–2110; email: [robinson.kevin@dol.gov](mailto:robinson.kevin@dol.gov). OSHA’s web page includes information about the NRTL Program (see <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Notice of Final Decision**

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of

SGS of North America, Inc. (SGS), as a NRTL. SGS’s expansion covers the addition of thirteen test standards to its scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified by 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification of the products.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the **Federal Register** in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides a preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL’s scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational web page for each NRTL that details the scope of recognition. These pages are available from the agency’s website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

SGS submitted an application, dated January 20, 2021 (OSHA–2006–0040–0064), to expand its scope of recognition to include the addition of thirteen test standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent

information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing SGS’s expansion application in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2021 (86 FR 31733). The agency requested comments by July 30, 2021, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA now is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of SGS’s scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to SGS’s applications, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N–3653, Washington, DC 20210. Docket No. OSHA–2006–0040 contains all materials in the record concerning SGS’s recognition. *Please note:* Due to the COVID–19 pandemic, the Docket Office is closed to the public at this time but can be contacted at (202) 693–2350.

**II. Final Decision and Order**

OSHA staff examined SGS’s expansion application, the capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on a review of this evidence, OSHA finds that SGS meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of the recognition, subject to the specified limitations and conditions listed. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of SGS’s scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of SGS’s scope of recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the test standard listed below in Table 1.

TABLE 1—LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN SGS’S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 121201 .....	Nonincendive Electrical Equipment for Use in Class I and II, Division 2 and Class III, Divisions 1 and 2 Hazardous (Classified) Locations.
UL 60079–0 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 0: Equipment—General Requirements.
UL 60079–1 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 1: Equipment Protection by Flameproof Enclosures “d”.
UL 60079–2 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 2: Protection by Pressurized Enclosures “p”.
UL 60079–5 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 5: Equipment Protection by Powder Filling “q”.
UL 60079–6 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 6: Equipment Protection by Oil Immersion “o”.
UL 60079–7 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 7: Equipment Protection by Increased Safety “e”.
UL 60079–11 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 11: Equipment Protection by Intrinsic Safety “i”.
UL 60079–15 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 15: Equipment Protection by Type of Protection “n”.
UL 60079–18 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 18: Equipment Protection by Encapsulation “m”.
UL 60079–26 .....	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 26: Equipment for Use in Class I, Zone 0 Hazardous (Classified) Locations.
UL 60079–28 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 28: Protection of Equipment and Transmission Systems Using Optical Radiation.
UL 60079–31 .....	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres—Part 31: Equipment Dust Ignition Protection Enclosure “t”.

OSHA's recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to equipment or materials for which OSHA standards require third-party testing and certification before using them in the workplace. Consequently, if a test standard also covers any products for which OSHA does not require such testing and certification, a NRTL's scope of recognition does not include these products.

#### A. Conditions

Recognition is contingent on continued compliance with 29 CFR 1910.7, including, but not limited to, abiding by the following conditions of the recognition:

1. SGS must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in the operations as a NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);
2. SGS must meet all the terms of the recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and
3. SGS must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on SGS's scope of recognition, in all areas for which it has recognition.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby expands the scope of recognition of SGS, subject to the limitation and conditions specified above.

### III. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393, September 18, 2020), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 6, 2021.

**James S. Frederick,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-21-0011; NARA-2021-041]

### Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). We publish notice in the **Federal Register** and on *regulations.gov* for records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on such records schedules.

**DATES:** NARA must receive comments by September 30, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by the following method. You must cite the control number, which appears on the records schedule in parentheses after the name of the agency that submitted the schedule.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Due to COVID-19 building closures, we are currently temporarily not accepting comments by mail. However, if you are unable to comment via *regulations.gov*, you may contact [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov) for instructions on submitting your comment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kimberly Keravuori, Regulatory and External Policy Program Manager, by email at [regulation\\_comments@nara.gov](mailto:regulation_comments@nara.gov). For information about records schedules, contact Records Management Operations by email at [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov), by mail at the address above, or by phone at 301-837-1799.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Comment Procedures

We are publishing notice of records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on these records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a), and list the schedules at the end of this notice by agency and subdivision requesting disposition authority.

In addition, this notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or states that the schedule has agency-wide applicability. It also provides the control number assigned to each schedule, which you will need if you submit comments on that schedule.

We have uploaded the records schedules and accompanying appraisal memoranda to the *regulations.gov*

docket for this notice as "other" documents. Each records schedule contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their proposed disposition. The appraisal memorandum for the schedule includes information about the records.

We will post comments, including any personal information and attachments, to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, you are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the *regulations.gov* portal, you may contact [request.schedule@nara.gov](mailto:request.schedule@nara.gov) for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments submitted by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments, we will post on *regulations.gov* a "Consolidated Reply" summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we have made to the proposed records schedule. We will then send the schedule for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. You may elect at *regulations.gov* to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the Consolidated Reply, whether or not you submit a comment. If you have a question, you can submit it as a comment, and can also submit any concerns or comments you would have to a possible response to the question. We will address these items in consolidated replies along with any other comments submitted on that schedule.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, after the Archivist approves them. The RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

#### Background

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval. Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National