

sections, eight contain information collection requirements—utilities; medical service and first aid; sanitation; control of hazardous energy; retention of DOT markings, placards, and labels; motor vehicle safety equipment, operation and maintenance; and servicing multi-piece and single-piece rim wheels.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions to protect workers, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information, and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in subpart F of the General Working Conditions in Shipyard Employment Standard (29 CFR part 1915). The agency is requesting an adjustment increase in burden from 82,999 to 84,818 hours, a difference of 1,819 hours. This increase in hours is a result of updated data showing an increase in the number of large to medium establishments covered by the standard. The capital cost has increased from \$7,678 to \$8,784, a total increase of \$1,106.

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: General Working Conditions in Shipyard Employment Standard.

OMB Control Number: 1218–0259.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 4,096.

Number of Responses: 258,861.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: Varies.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 84,818.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$8,784.

IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows:

(1) electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; or (2) by facsimile (fax), if your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA–2014–0021). You may supplement electronic submission by uploading document files electronically.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and date of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <https://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download from this website. All submission, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <https://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's "User Tips" link.

Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350, (TTY) (877) 889–5627 for information about materials not available from the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 8–2020 (85 FR 58393).

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 18, 2024.

James S. Frederick,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

[FR Doc. 2024–24788 Filed 10–24–24; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510–26–P

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2006–0040]

SGS North America, Inc.: Denial of Expansion of Recognition

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to deny the expansion of 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 October 25, 2024.

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 or email 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) 693–1911 or email robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the denial of the request for expansion of the scope of recognition of SGS North America, Inc., (SGS) as a NRTL. SGS requested the addition of two test standards to the NRTL scope of recognition. OSHA is denying that application.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 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. Each NRTL's scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the applicable test standard; and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL's scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government

authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition and for an 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. 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, including SGS, which details the NRTL's scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

SGS submitted an application to OSHA to expand recognition as a NRTL to include two additional test standards on September 1, 2021 (OSHA–2006–0040–0079). 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 and OSHA's preliminary decision to deny the application in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2024 (89 FR 63985). The agency requested comments by August 21, 2024, but it received no comments in response to this notice.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to the SGS application, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department

of Labor. Docket No. OSHA–2006–0040 contains all materials in the record concerning SGS's recognition. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 (TTY (877) 889–5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined SGS's expansion application and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that the standards requested in the expansion application do not meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for appropriate test standards or alternative test standards for the NRTL Program. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to deny SGS's request for expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition to include the test standards listed below in Table 1.

TABLE 1—TEST STANDARDS FOR WHICH OSHA DENIES INCLUSION IN SGS'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
IEC 60335–2–23	Household and Similar Electrical Appliances—Safety—Part 2–23: Particular Requirements for Appliances for Skin or Hair Care.
IEC 60335–2–30	Household and Similar Electrical Appliances—Safety—Part 2–30: Particular Requirements for Room Heaters.

As explained in the preliminary decision (89 FR 63985), pursuant to the NRTL Program regulation, 29 CFR 1910.7, for each specified item of equipment or material to be listed, labeled or accepted, a NRTL must have the capability (including proper testing equipment and facilities, trained staff, written testing procedures, and calibration and quality control programs) to perform: (i) testing and examining of equipment and materials for workplace safety purposes to determine conformance with appropriate test standards; or (ii) experimental testing and examining of equipment and materials for workplace safety purposes to determine conformance with appropriate test standards or performance in a specified manner. § 1910.7(b)(1).

An “appropriate test standard” is defined in the NRTL Program regulation as a document which specifies the safety requirements for specific equipment or class of equipment and meets one of two alternative requirements. Either the document must be (1) recognized in the United States as a safety standard providing an adequate level of safety, and (2) compatible with and maintained current with periodic revisions of applicable national codes

and installation standards and (3) developed by a standards developing organization under a method providing for input and consideration of views of industry groups, experts, users, consumers, governmental authorities, and others having broad experience in the safety field involved, or the document must be currently designated as an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) safety-designated product standard or an American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) test standard used for evaluation of products or materials. § 1910.7(c).

Notwithstanding the requirements in § 1910.7(b)(1), if a testing laboratory desires to use an alternative test standard (that is, a test standard that is not an appropriate test standard), then OSHA evaluates the proposed standard to determine whether it provides an adequate level of safety before it may be used. § 1910.7(d). If a test standard does not provide an adequate level of safety, it may not be used by a NRTL to perform testing or examining of equipment and materials for workplace safety purposes or experimental testing and examining of equipment and materials for workplace safety purposes.

The test standards requested in the expansion application, issued by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), are not appropriate test standards under the NRTL program because they are not recognized in the United States as safety standards providing an adequate level of safety. To provide an adequate level of safety, these test standards would need to be evaluated for compliance with U.S. electrical safety requirements. The IEC develops standards that are broad technical safety solutions for electrical products, but this does not represent a complete safety standard for each member country. The process of adapting the IEC-based standard to a fully compliant U.S. national standard is typically conducted by a U.S.-based standards development organization (SDO), which considers the unique requirements for the U.S. market, along with the input and consideration of views of industry groups, experts, users, consumers, governmental authorities, and others having broad experience in the safety field involved (as set forth in § 1910.7(c)). This information-gathering process and evaluation has not been undertaken for the test standards in SGS's application (*i.e.*, these test standards have not been evaluated for

compliance with U.S. electrical safety requirements). Nor have these test standards been designated by ANSI or ASTM. Therefore, they do not meet the requirements for appropriate test standards under the NRTL program.

Nor are these test standards alternative test standards that may be used under the NRTL program to perform testing or examining of equipment and materials for workplace safety purposes or experimental testing and examining of equipment and materials for workplace safety purposes. Again, these test standards have not been determined to provide an adequate level of safety because they have not been evaluated for compliance with U.S. electrical safety requirements.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby denies the expanded scope of recognition of SGS as a NRTL as requested in the application identified in this notice.

III. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, 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; Sept. 18, 2020), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 18, 2024.

James S. Frederick,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

[FR Doc. 2024-24789 Filed 10-24-24; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4510-26-P

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2009-0025]

UL LLC: Application for Expansion of Recognition

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the application of UL LLC, for expansion of the scope of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and presents the agency's preliminary finding to grant the application.

DATES: Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of

time to make a submission, on or before November 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted as follows:

Electronically: You may submit comments, including attachments, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency's name and the docket number for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA-2009-0025). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting information they do not want made available to the public, or submitting materials that contain personal information (either about themselves or others), such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Documents in the docket (including this **Federal Register** notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

Extension of comment period: Submit requests for an extension of the comment period on or before November 12, 2024 to the Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N-3653, Washington, DC 20210, or by fax to (202) 693-1644.

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.

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, phone: (202) 693-1911 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of the Application for Expansion

OSHA is providing notice that UL LLC (UL), is applying for an expansion of current recognition as a NRTL. UL requests the addition of one test site to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 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. Each NRTL's scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by the applicable test standard and (2) the recognized site(s) that has/have the technical capability to perform the product-testing and product-certification activities for test standards within the NRTL's scope. Recognition is not a delegation or grant of government authority; however, recognition enables employers to use products approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require product testing and certification.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition, as well as for an expansion or renewal of 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 the preliminary finding. 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, including UL, which details that NRTL's scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>.

UL currently has fifty-five facilities (site) recognized by OSHA for product testing and certification, with the headquarters located at: UL LLC, 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. A complete list of UL sites recognized by OSHA is available at <https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/ul.html>.