

- 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 collection and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Standard on Blasting and the use of Explosives (29 CFR part 1926, subpart U) U.S.C. 669). The agency is requesting an adjustment decrease in the burden hours amount from 1,602 hours to 1,427 hours, a difference of 175 hours. This decrease is due to the change in the number of affected sites due to general economic growth.

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 currently approved collection.

Title: Standard on Blasting and the use of Explosives.

OMB Control Number: 1218-0217.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits.

Number of Respondents: 171.

Number of Responses: 758.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: Various.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,426.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$0.

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; (2) by facsimile (fax) at (202) 693-1648; or (3) by hard copy. All comments, attachments, and other materials must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2011-0747). You may supplement electronic submissions 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 through this website. All submissions, 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 for information about materials not available through 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2019-0009]

DEKRA Certification 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 DEKRA Certification 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 expansion of the scope of recognition of DEKRA Certification Inc. (DEKRA) as a NRTL. DEKRA's expansion covers the addition of seventeen test standards to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA's 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 a 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 DEKRA, which details the NRTL's scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>.

DEKRA submitted an application to OSHA for expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition on December 24, 2021 (OSHA-2019-0009-0007), requesting the addition of twenty-nine recognized testing standards. The application was amended on February 1, 2023 (OSHA-2019-0009-0008), removing eight standards from the original request, while adding an additional standard to

the expansion application. The December 2021 expansion application was amended a second time on June 21, 2023 (OSHA–2019–0009–0009) to withdraw three standards from the December 2021 application. The December 2021 application was amended a third time on February 28, 2024 (OSHA–2019–0009–0010), to withdraw two standards from the original request. This notice covers the remaining seventeen standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packets and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA performed an on-site review of DEKRA’s Arnhem, Netherlands site on June 5–7, 2023, in which assessors found some nonconformances with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7. DEKRA addressed these issues sufficiently, and OSHA staff

has preliminarily determined that OSHA should grant the application for test standard expansion.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing DEKRA’s expansion application in the **Federal Register** on September 12, 2024 (89 FR 74294). The agency requested comments by September 27, 2024, but it received no comments in response to this notice.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to the DEKRA’s 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–2019–0009 contains all materials in the record concerning DEKRA’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 DEKRA’s expansion application, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that DEKRA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the limitations and conditions listed in this notice. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant DEKRA’s expanded scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of DEKRA’s recognition to testing and certification of products for demonstration of conformance to the test standards listed below in Table 1.

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

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 197	Commercial Electric Cooking Appliances.
UL 499	Electric Heating Appliances.
UL 507	Electric Fans.
UL 508	Industrial Control Equipment.
UL 674	Electric Motors and Generators for Use in Hazardous (Classified) Locations.
UL 749	Household Dishwashers.
UL 921	Commercial Electric Dishwashers.
UL 923	Microwave Cooking Appliances.
UL 1017	Vacuum Cleaners, Blower Cleaners and Household Floor Finishing Machines.
UL 1026	Household Electric Cooking and Food-Serving Appliances.
UL 1082	Household Electric Coffee Makers and Brewing-Type Appliances.
UL 1206	Electric Commercial Clothes-Washing Equipment.
UL 2054	Household and Commercial Batteries.
UL 2158	Electric Clothes Dryers.
UL 60079–28	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 28: Protection of Equipment and Transmission Systems Using Optical Radiation.
UL 60730–2–7	Automatic Electrical Controls for Household and Similar Use: Part 2: Particular Requirements for Timers and Time Switches.
NFPA 496	Purged and Pressurized Enclosures for Electrical Equipment.

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.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) may approve the test standards listed above as American National Standards. However, for convenience, we may use the designation of the standards-developing organization for the standard as opposed to the ANSI designation. Under the NRTL Program’s policy (see OSHA Instruction CPL 1–0.3, Appendix C, paragraph XIV), any NRTL recognized for a particular test standard may use either the proprietary version of the test

standard or the ANSI version of that standard. Contact ANSI to determine whether a test standard is currently ANSI-approved.

A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, DEKRA must abide by the following conditions of the recognition:

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

DEKRA’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 DEKRA as a NRTL, subject to the limitations and conditions specified above.

III. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy 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, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

**Occupational Safety and Health
Administration**

[Docket No. OSHA–2013–0016]

**Nemko 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 Nemko North America, Inc. (NNA) 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, phone: (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, phone: (202) 693–1911 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of Nemko North America, Inc. (NNA) as a NRTL. NNA’s expansion covers the addition of one test standard and one

testing site to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA’s 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 its scope of recognition. Each NRTL’s scope of recognition includes (1) the type of products the NRTL may test, with each type specified by its 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 an application by a NRTL for initial recognition and for an expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A, 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 its 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 NNA, which details the NRTL’s scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at: <https://www.osha.gov/nationally-recognized-testing-laboratory-program>.

NNA submitted two applications to OSHA for expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition. The first application, dated September 1, 2023 (OSHA–2013–0016–0029), requested the expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition to include one additional test standard. The second application, dated November 27, 2023 (OSHA–2013–0016–0030), requested the expansion of the

NRTL scope of recognition to include an additional recognized testing site located at: 5F, No. 413, Sec. 2, Tiding Blvd., Nei Hu Dist. 11493 Taipei City, Taiwan, R.O.C. OSHA staff performed an on-site review of NNA’s testing facilities at NNA Taipei on March 4–5, 2024, in which assessors found some nonconformances with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7. NNA has addressed these issues sufficiently, and OSHA staff preliminarily determined that OSHA should grant the applications.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing NNA’s expansion applications in the **Federal Register** on September 12, 2024 (89 FR 74296). The agency requested comments by September 27, 2024, but it received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA is now proceeding with this final decision to grant the expansion of NNA’s NRTL scope of recognition.

Docket No. OSHA–2013–0016 contains all materials in the record concerning NNA’s recognition. To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to NNA’s expansion application, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 for assistance in locating docket submissions.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined NNA’s expansion applications, its capability to meet the requirements of the test standards, and other pertinent information. Based on its review of this evidence, OSHA finds that NNA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition, subject to the limitations and conditions listed in this notice. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant NNA’s expanded scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of NNA’s recognition to the additional testing site in Taipei City, Taiwan, and the additional test standard listed below in Table 1.

TABLE 1—APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARD FOR INCLUSION IN NNA’S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 2054	Household and Commercial Batteries.

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.