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NZ Regulatory Changes from 01 JANUARY 2017

The list of high risk articles requiring an Approval Certificate prior to sale in New Zealand increases from 12 to 38 articles from 01 January 2017.

For all listed high risk articles, the New Zealand importer or supplier needs to hold a valid Approval Certificate in addition to a correctly completed* Supplier Declaration of Conformity (SDoC) and evidence of compliance with the applicable standards as detailed in Schedule 4 of the Electricity (Safety) Regulations.

New high risk articles include supply cords, appliance connectors, cord-line switches, portable tools, toasters, clothes dryers, portable cooking appliances, dishwashers, electric fans, hair care appliances, kitchen machines, liquid heating appliances, massage appliances, microwave ovens, swimming pool and spa equipment, washing machines, water heaters, power supplies and chargers.

* Regulation 83A allows an exception where the NZ importer or supplier is the listed supplier or affiliated supplier on the ERAC Electrical Equipment Safety Scheme (EESS) Database.

These high risk articles already need an Approval Certificate prior to sale in Australia, however suppliers of products to the New Zealand market only have limited time to get product certification in place.

GHS Compliant Classification, Labelling and Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

GHS compliant labelling and safety data sheets are mandatory in Australia from 01 January 2017.

This system uses pictograms and signal words together with hazard and precautionary statements. The classification of a substance, mixture, nanomaterial or article reflects the type and severity of any associated hazards and also determines what information is required on labels and SDS.

Manufacturers and importers are responsible for ensuring that correct GHS compliant labels and SDS are prepared for all workplace hazardous chemicals by this date. Employers must also ensure that SDS are available to all employees in their workplace Failure to meet these regulations can result in fines up to $75 000 per product.

The WERCS, a UL International company is an established global leader with over 30 years' experience in authoring labels and SDS. The WERCS has regulatory expertise based in Australia, and also offers an online self-service, SDS authoring tool.

This automated GHS compliant solution is perfectly suited for small to mid-sized companies and includes specific requirements for the Australian market.

For more details, visit www.ulghs.com or contact Paul Deverall, Paul.Deverall@ul.com.

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Customer Seminars

Thank you to the many customers who joined us for seminars held in Auckland and Sydney during October. Feedback indicates that the information shared by local and visiting UL experts was both topical and useful.

Presentations on cybersecurity, Li-Ion battery research and chemical supply chain management in particular drew positive interest and response.

Further events are planned for mid- 2017 and we welcome input on topics of interest. This will help us identify colleagues to participate in these events.

Expanded Scope of Environmental Testing

With the recent purchase of a new environmental chamber, UL Auckland now has an expanded laboratory accreditation.

This now includes a wide range of standards within the AS/IEC 60068 series together with many DEF STAN 00-35 and MIL-STD 810 requirements.

The new chamber is a walk-in design with internal dimensions of 4m x 2m x 2.3m; and operating parameters between -40 and +80 °C, 10 - 95%RH.

New work orders are currently being taken for projects commencing in January 2017.

Compliance Insights –Standards and Regulatory Change Alerts

UL monitors regional standard and regulatory changes and these are issued monthly in the "Compliance Insights" publication.

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