

wishing to travel to attend the hearing. Those unable to attend the hearing are invited to submit written testimony. Parties interested in testifying at the international child labor hearing should call Maureen Jaffe (202)208-4843 ext. 114 to be put on the roster.

The Department of Labor is currently undertaking a fifth Congressionally-mandated report on international child labor (pursuant to the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 1999, P.L. 105-78; Senate Report No. 58, 105th Congress, First Session 25-26, 1997). Information provided at the hearing will be considered by the Department of Labor in preparing its report to Congress. Testimony should be confined to the topic of the study. The fifth report will describe how the growing international concern about child exploitation has been translated into specific efforts and actions in the countries where child labor has been identified as a problem. Among the countries that may be examined are those mentioned in the Department of Labor's prior reports: By the Sweat and Toil of Children (Volume I): The Use of Child Labor in U.S. Manufactured and Mined Imports, By the Sweat and Toil of Children (Volume II): The Use of Child Labor in U.S. Agricultural Imports and Forced and Bonded Child Labor, The Apparel Industry and Codes of Conduct: A Solution to the International Child Labor Problem?, and By the Sweat and Toil of Children (Volume IV): Consumer Labels and Child Labor. The Department of Labor may also cover additional countries where child labor has been identified as a problem or where new programs or efforts to address the problem have developed. Specifically, the International Child Labor Program of the Bureau of International Labor Affairs is seeking written and oral testimony on the topics noted below:

1. Specific government policies and initiatives to reduce child labor and the results of such efforts. Areas of interest include domestic efforts to strengthen law enforcement against the exploitation of children, additional investments in child education, changes in domestic child labor laws, effective partnerships with nongovernmental actors, and participation in international initiatives to fight the exploitation of children.

2. Significant actions in the non-governmental sector to reduce child labor, including, for example, areas referenced in paragraph 1 above, and the results of such efforts.

2. Additional information regarding child labor in countries where it has

been identified as a problem. This may include updated information on areas covered in the Department of Labor's previous reports or new information.

**DATES:** The hearing is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 1998. The deadline for being placed on the roster for oral testimony is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 1998. Presenters will be required to submit five (5) written copies of their oral testimony to the International Child Labor Program by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 11, 1998. The record will be kept open for additional written testimony until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written testimony should be addressed to the International Child Labor Program, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Room S-5303, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210, fax: (202) 219-4923.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maureen Jaffe, International Child Labor Program, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Room S-5303, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone: (202)208-4843; fax (202)219-4923. Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Maureen Jaffe by Monday, February 9, 1998. The Department of Labor's prior child labor reports can be accessed on the internet at <http://www.dol.gov/dol/ilab/public/media/reports/childnew.htm> or can be obtained from the International Child Labor Program.

All written or oral comments submitted pursuant to the public hearing will be made part of the record of review referred to above and will be available for public inspection.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 2nd day of January, 1998.

**Andrew J. Samet,**

*Acting Deputy Under Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL-1-89]

#### Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., Correction of Recognition

(Authority: 29 CFR 1910.7)

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of correction of recognition.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Agency's decision to expand the

recognition of Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc. as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL), as a result of a correction to a previous notice.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This recognition will become effective on January 8, 1998 and will be valid until January 8, 2003, unless terminated or modified prior to that date, in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.7.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernard Pasquet, Office of Variance Determination, NRTL Recognition Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N3653, Washington, D.C. 20210, or phone (202) 219-7056.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Notice of Recognition and Correction

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that the recognition of Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc. (ITS) as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory is expanded to include the additional specific standards listed below. ITS applied for an expansion of its recognition as a NRTL for equipment or materials (standards), pursuant to 29 CFR 1910.7, which was announced on August 9, 1996 (61 FR 41659). No comments were received concerning the request for expansion. OSHA then granted the expansion of recognition for additional standards on November 20, 1996 (61 FR 59111). Through no fault of ITS, four standards were excluded, but should have been included, in the list of standards recognized. In connection with the November 20, 1996 expansion, OSHA had determined that ITS has the necessary personnel and equipment, and meets other criteria and requirements to perform testing and certification to these four standards. OSHA is therefore correcting the recognition granted on November 20, 1996, and recognizes ITS for the additional standards listed below.

ITS is recognized for the following standards when applicable to equipment or materials that will be used in environments under OSHA's jurisdiction. ITS is recognized for testing and certification of products when tested for compliance with these test standards, which are appropriate within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910.7(c):

UL 8730-1 Electrical Controls for Household and Similar Use; Part 1: General  
UL 8730-2-4 Automatic Electrical Controls for Household and Similar Use; Part 2: Particular Requirements for Thermal Motor Protectors for Motor Compressors or Hermetic and Semi-Hermetic Type  
UL 8730-2-7 Automatic Electrical Controls for Household and Similar Use; Part 2:

Particular Requirements for Timers and Time Switches  
UL 8730-2-8 Automatic Electrical Controls for Household and Similar Use; Part 2: Particular Requirements for Electrically Operated Water Valves

The recognition of these additional standards is the only recognition granted in this notice. All other conditions and requirements of ITS's recognition remain the same.

Since this correction does not fall within the public notice requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7, this is the only notice that OSHA will publish on this decision. A copy of the ITS application for expansion of recognition is available for inspection and duplication at the Docket Office, Room N-2634, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, (Docket No. NRTL-1-89).

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 23rd day of December, 1997.

**Charles N. Jeffress,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL-3-92]

#### TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., Request for Expansion of Recognition

**AGENCY:** Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for expansion of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL), and preliminary finding.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the application of TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. for expansion of its recognition as a NRTL under 29 CFR 1910.7, for programs and procedures, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding.

**DATES:** The last date for interested parties to submit comments is March 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments concerning this notice to: NRTL Program, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N3653 Washington, D.C. 20210.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernard Pasquet, NRTL Recognition

Program at the above address, or phone (202) 219-7056.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Notice of Application

Notice is hereby given that TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. (TUV) has made application pursuant to 29 CFR 1910.7, for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory for the programs and procedures listed below. TUV previously made application pursuant to 29 CFR 1910.7, for recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (58 FR 61101, 11/19/93), and was so recognized (60 FR 42594, 8/16/95).

The address of the TUV laboratory covered by this application is: TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., 12 Commerce Road, Newton, Connecticut 06470.

##### Background

This **Federal Register** notice announces TUV's application for additional programs and procedures, dated September 15, 1997 (see Exhibit 13D). This application supplements TUV's request for expansion of its recognition for additional test standards, received on January 13, 1997 (see Exhibit 13C), and since modified by TUV. OSHA announced this request of January 13 in a separate notice, which incorrectly shows May 12, 1997 as the date of the request. The final notice(s) for the overall expansion will reflect the correct information.

TUV requests expansion of its recognition, based upon the conditions as detailed in the **Federal Register** document titled "Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories; Clarification of the Types of Programs and Procedures," (60 FR 12980, 3/9/95), for the following programs and procedures:

1. Acceptance of testing data from independent organizations, other than NRTLs.
2. Acceptance of product evaluations from independent organizations, other than NRTLs.
3. Acceptance of witnessed testing data.
4. Acceptance of product evaluations from organizations that function as part of the International Electrotechnical Commission Certification Body (IEC-CB) Scheme.
5. Acceptance of services (other than testing or evaluation) performed by subcontractors or agents.

In a recommendation dated November 25, 1997, the NRTL staff recommended that TUV's recognition be expanded to include these additional programs and procedures.

#### Preliminary Finding

Based upon a review of the complete application, and the recommendations of the staff, including the recommendation dated November 25, 1997, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. can meet the requirements as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for the expansion of its recognition to include the five (5) programs and procedures previously listed.

All interested members of the public are invited to supply detailed reasons and evidence supporting or challenging the sufficiency of the applicant's having met the requirements for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory, as required by 29 CFR 1910.7 and Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. Submission of pertinent written documents and exhibits shall be made no later than the last date for comments (see **DATES** above), and submitted to the address provided above (see **ADDRESSES**). Copies of the TUV application letters and supporting documentation, the recommendation on the programs and procedures, and all submitted comments, as received, are available for inspection and duplication (under Docket No. NRTL-3-92) at the Docket Office, Room N2634, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address.

The Assistant Secretary's final decision on whether the applicant (TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.) satisfies the requirements for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL will be made on the basis of the entire record including the public submissions and any further proceedings that the Assistant Secretary may consider to be appropriate in accordance with Appendix A to Section 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 23rd day of December, 1997.

**Charles N. Jeffress,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION

### Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education will have