

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 EMT, 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>.

EMT submitted an application to OSHA for expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition. The application, dated November 7, 2024 (OSHA–2023–0013–0005), requested the expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition to include one additional test site located at: Pendle Place, Pimbo Industrial Estate, Skelmersdale, WN8 9PN, United Kingdom and seven additional test standards. That application was updated on February 5, 2025 (OSHA–2023–0013–0006) to add two standards to the original submission and again on March 11, 2025 (OSHA–2023–0023–0007) to add one additional standard to the original submission. In total, the expansion applications requested the addition of ten standards and one site to the NRTL scope of recognition. OSHA staff performed an on-site assessment of EMT's testing facilities at Element

Materials Technology Skelmersdale on March 6–7, 2025, in which assessors found some nonconformances with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7. EMT has addressed these issues sufficiently, and OSHA staff preliminarily determined that OSHA should grant the applications.

OSHA published a **Federal Register** notice on November 18, 2025 (90 FR 51795) announcing EMT's applications, preliminarily determining that OSHA should grant the applications and soliciting public comment. The agency requested comments by December 3, 2025, however no comments were received in response to this notice. OSHA is now proceeding with this expansion of EMT's NRTL scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to the EMT expansion applications, go to www.regulations.gov or contact the Docket Office at (202) 693–2350 (TTY (877) 889–5627. Docket No. OSHA–2023–0013 contains all materials in the record concerning EMT's recognition.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined EMT's expansion applications, conducted a

detailed on-site assessment, and examined other pertinent information. Based on review of this evidence, OSHA finds that EMT meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition, subject to the specified limitations and conditions. OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of EMT's scope of recognition. OSHA limits the expansion of EMT's recognition to include the additional testing site in Skelmersdale, United Kingdom and ten additional test standards. OSHA's recognition of the site limits EMT to performing product testing and certifications only to the test standards for which the site has the proper capability and programs, and for test standards in EMT's scope of recognition. This limitation is consistent with the recognition that OSHA grants to other NRTLs that operate multiple sites. Additionally, OSHA grants EMT expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition to include the additional test standards listed below in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1 APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN EMT'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION

Test standard	Test standard title
NFPA 496	Purged and Pressurized Enclosures for Electrical Equipment.
UL 508A	Industrial Control Panels.
UL 913	Intrinsically Safe Apparatus and Associated Apparatus for Use in Class I, II, and III, Division I, Hazardous (Classified) Locations.
UL 1203	Explosion-Proof and Dust-Ignition-Proof Electrical Equipment for Use in Hazardous (Classified) Locations.
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 60079–7	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 7: Equipment Protection by Increased Safety “e”.
UL 60079–11	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 11: Equipment Protection by Intrinsic Safety “i”.
UL 60079–1	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 1: Equipment Protection by Flameproof Enclosures “d”.
UL 60079–2	Explosive Atmospheres—Part 2: Protection by Pressurized Enclosures “p”.

A. Conditions

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

1. EMT 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. EMT must meet all the terms of its recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and

3. EMT must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on EMT'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 EMT as a NRTL, subject to the limitations and conditions specified above.

III. Authority and Signature

Amanda Laihow, Principal 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. 7–2027 (90 FR 27878; June 30, 2025), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 27, 2026.

Amanda Laihow,
*Principal 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.: Application for Expansion of Recognition and Proposed Modification to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards

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

ACTION: Notice.

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

OSHA proposes to add one test standard to the NRTL Program’s List of Appropriate Test Standards.

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 February 18, 2026.

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–2019–0009). 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.

Submission of comments: You may submit comments and attachments, identified by Docket No. OSHA–2019–0009, electronically at www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for making electronic submissions. The Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov is the only way to submit comments on this Notice.

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 February 18, 2026 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, 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 the Application for Expansion

OSHA is providing notice that DEKRA Certification Inc. (DEKRA), is applying for expansion of the current recognition as a NRTL. DEKRA requests the addition of nine 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/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

II. General Background on the Application

DEKRA submitted an application to OSHA for expansion of the NRTL scope of recognition on February 4, 2025 (OSHA–2019–0009–0022), requesting the addition of nine test standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packet and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA staff performed an on-site review of DEKRA’s testing facility at DEKRA Dresden, Enderstrasse 92b, 02177 Dresden, Germany associated with this application on March 3–4, 2025, in which assessors found some nonconformances with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7. DEKRA has addressed these issues sufficiently, and OSHA staff has preliminarily determined that OSHA should grant the application.

Table 1, below, lists the appropriate test standards found in DEKRA’s application for expansion for testing and certification of products under the NRTL Program.

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

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 60335–2–29**	Household and Similar Electrical Appliances: Particular Requirements for Battery Chargers.
UL 62841–2–3	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 2–3: Particular Requirements for Hand-Held Grinders, Disc-Type Polishers and Disc-Type Sanders.
UL 62841–3–7	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 3–12: Particular Requirements for Transportable Threading Machines.
UL 62841–3–12	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 3–12: Particular Requirements for Transportable Threading Machines.
UL 62841–3–13	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 3–13: Particular Requirements for Transportable Drills.

TABLE 1—PROPOSED APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS FOR INCLUSION IN DEKRA'S NRTL SCOPE OF RECOGNITION—Continued

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 62841–3–14	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 3–14: Particular Requirements for Transportable Drain Cleaners.
UL 62841–4–3*	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 4–3: Particular Requirements for Pedestrian Controlled Walk-Behind Lawnmowers.
UL 62841–4–4	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 4–4: Particular Requirements for Lawn Trimmers, Lawn Edge Trimmers, Grass Trimmers, Brush Cutters and Brush Saws.
UL 1740**	Industrial Robots and Robotic Equipment.

* Represents the standard that OSHA proposes to add to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards.

** OSHA notes that the title to this standard in the table is taken from OSHA's List of Appropriate Test Standards (see <https://www.osha.gov/nationally-recognized-testing-laboratory-program/list-standards>). This title is not the same as the title currently used by the Standards Developing Organization that issued the test standard. OSHA intends to update the List of Appropriate Test Standards to reflect the currently used title in the near future.

III. Proposal To Add a New Test Standard to the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards

Periodically, OSHA will propose to add new test standards to the NRTL list of appropriate test standards following an evaluation of the test standard document. To qualify as an appropriate test standard, the agency evaluates the document to (1) verify it represents a product category for which OSHA requires certification by a NRTL, (2) verify the document represents a product and not a component, and (3) verify the document defines safety test specifications (not installation or

operational performance specifications). OSHA becomes aware of new test standards through various avenues. For example, OSHA may become aware of new test standards by: (1) monitoring notifications issued by certain Standards Development Organizations; (2) reviewing applications by NRTLs or applicants seeking recognition to include new test standards in their scopes of recognition; and (3) obtaining notification from manufacturers, manufacturing organizations, government agencies, or other parties. OSHA may determine to include a new test standard in the list, for example, if the test standard is for a particular type

of product that another test standard also covers, or it covers a type of product that no standard previously covered.

In this notice, OSHA proposes to add one new test standard to the NRTL Program's list of appropriate test standards. Table 2, below, lists the test standard that is new to the NRTL Program. OSHA has preliminarily determined that this test standard is appropriate and proposes to include it in the NRTL Program's list of appropriate test standards. OSHA seeks public comment on this preliminary determination.

TABLE 2—STANDARD OSHA IS PROPOSING TO ADD TO THE NRTL PROGRAM'S LIST OF APPROPRIATE TEST STANDARDS

Test standard	Test standard title
UL 62841–4–3	Electric Motor-Operated Hand-Held Tools, Transportable Tools and Lawn and Garden Machinery—Safety—Part 4–3: Particular Requirements for Pedestrian Controlled Walk-Behind Lawnmowers.

IV. Preliminary Findings on the Application

DEKRA submitted an acceptable application for expansion of the scope of recognition. OSHA's review of the application file and pertinent documentation indicates that DEKRA has met the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expanding the recognition to include the addition of the nine test standards for NRTL testing and certification listed in Table 1. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of DEKRA's application.

OSHA seeks comment on this preliminary determination.

V. Public Participation

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether DEKRA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition as a NRTL and whether the test standard listed in Table 2 above is an appropriate test standard that should be included in the NRTL Program's List of Appropriate Test Standards. Comments should consist of

pertinent written documents and exhibits.

Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 10 days unless the requester justifies a longer time period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if it is not adequately justified.

To review copies of the exhibits identified in this notice, as well as comments submitted to the docket, contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. These materials also are generally available online at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. OSHA–2019–0009 (for further information, see the “Docket” heading in the section of this notice titled ADDRESSES).

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner. After addressing the issues raised by these comments, staff will make a recommendation to the Assistant

Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health on whether to grant DEKRA's application for expansion of the scope of recognition. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application. In making this decision, the Assistant Secretary may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA will publish a public notice of the final decision in the **Federal Register**.

VI. Authority and Signature

Amanda Laihow, Principal 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. 7–2025 (90 FR 27878, June 30, 2025), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on January 27, 2026.

Amanda Laihow,

Principal 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-2013-0012]

Modification to the List of Appropriate NRTL Program Test Standards and the Scope of Recognition of Several NRTLs

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to: delete test standards from the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTL) Program's list of appropriate test standards; and modify the scope of recognition of several NRTLs.

DATES: The actions contained in this notice will become effective on February 3, 2026.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The NRTL Program recognizes organizations that provide product-safety testing and certification services to manufacturers. These organizations perform testing and certification for purposes of the program, to U.S. consensus-based product-safety test standards. The products covered by the NRTL Program consist of those items for which OSHA safety standards require "certification" by a NRTL. The requirements affect electrical products and 36 other types of products. OSHA does not develop or issue these test standards, but generally relies on

standards development organizations (SDOs), which develop and maintain the standards using a method that provides for input and consideration of views of industry groups, experts, users, consumers, governmental authorities, and others having broad experience in the safety field involved.

A. Deletion and Replacement of Test Standards

The NRTL Program regulations require that appropriate test standards be maintained and current (29 CFR 1910.7(c)). A test standard withdrawn by an SDO is no longer considered an appropriate test standard (CPL 01-00-004, NRTL Program Policies, Procedures and Guidelines Directive (NRTL Program Directive), Ch. 2.IX.C.1). It is OSHA's policy to remove recognition of withdrawn test standards by issuing a notice in the **Federal Register** for all NRTLs recognized for the withdrawn test standards (Id.). However, SDOs frequently will designate a replacement standard for withdrawn standards. OSHA will recognize a NRTL for an appropriate replacement test standard if the NRTL has the requisite testing and evaluation capability for the replacement test standard (NRTL Program Directive, Ch. 2.IX.C.2).

One method that NRTLs may use to show such capability involves an analysis to determine whether any testing and evaluation requirements of existing test standards in a NRTL's scope are comparable (*i.e.*, are completely or substantially identical) to the requirements in the replacement test standard (NRTL Program Directive, Ch. 2.IX.C.3). If OSHA's analysis shows the replacement test standard does not require additional or different technical capability than an existing test standard(s), and the replacement test standard is comparable to the existing test standard(s), then OSHA can add the replacement test standard to affected NRTLs' scope of recognition. If OSHA's analysis shows the replacement test standard requires an additional or different technical capability, or the replacement test standard is not comparable to any existing test standards, each affected NRTL seeking to have OSHA add the replacement test standard to the NRTL's scope of recognition must provide information to OSHA that demonstrates technical capability (NRTL Program Directive, Ch. 2.IX.D).

B. Other Reasons for Removal of Test Standards From the NRTL List of Appropriate Test Standards

OSHA may choose to remove a test standard from the NRTL list of

appropriate test standards based on a review by NRTL Program staff to determine if the test standards conform to the definition of an appropriate test standard in NRTL Program regulations and policy. There are several reasons for removing a test standard based on this review. First, a document that provides the methodology for a single test is a test method rather than an appropriate test standard (29 CFR 1910.7(c)). A test standard must specify the safety requirements for a specific type of product(s) (NRTL Program Directive, Ch. 2.VIII.C.1). A test method, however, is a specified technical procedure for performing a test. As such, a test method is not an appropriate test standard. While a NRTL may use a test method to determine if certain safety requirements are met, a test method is not itself a safety requirement for a specific product category.

Second, a document that focuses primarily on usage, installation, or maintenance requirements, and not safety requirements (*i.e.*, features, parts, capabilities, usage limitations, or installation requirements that would create a potential hazard in operating the equipment if not properly used), would also not be considered an appropriate test standard (NRTL Program Directive, Ch. 2.VIII.C.1). In some cases, however, a document may also provide safety test specifications in addition to usage, installation, and maintenance requirements. In such cases, the document would be retained as an appropriate test standard based on the safety test specifications.

Finally, a document may not be considered an appropriate test standard if the document covers products for which OSHA does not require testing and certification (NRTL Program Directive, Ch. 2.VIII.C.2). Similarly, a document that covers electrical product components would not be considered an appropriate test standard. These documents apply to types of components that have limitation(s) or condition(s) on their use, which are not appropriate for use as end-use products. These documents also specify that these types of components are for use only as part of an end-use product. NRTLs, however, evaluate such components only in the context of evaluating whether end-use products requiring NRTL approval are safe for use in the workplace. Accordingly, as a matter of policy, OSHA considers that documents covering such components are not appropriate test standards under the NRTL Program. OSHA notes, however, that it is not deleting from NRTLs' scope of recognition any test standards