

expand its recognition as an NRTL to include one (1) additional test standard, and provided some additional information relative to its request on January 5, 1999 (see Exhibit 22B). CSA seeks recognition for testing and certification of products to demonstrate compliance to the following test standard: UL 6500 Audio/Visual and Musical Instrument Apparatus for Household, Commercial, and Similar General Use. The designation and title of the test standard was current at the time of the preparation of this notice, and OSHA has determined the standard is appropriate, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7(c). OSHA recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to products for which OSHA safety standards (generally found in 29 CFR part 1910) require third party testing and certification before use in the workplace.

In letters dated March 5, 1999 (see Exhibit 22C), CSA has also informed OSHA regarding the following changes in its operations that affect its recognition as an NRTL: (1) It is also known as CSA International; (2) the markings for its NRTL activities will include the initials "US" in place of the initials "NRTL"; (3) it no longer operates two Canadian sites formerly recognized by OSHA; (4) it has acquired two NRTL sites that OSHA formerly recognized for the American Gas Association (AGA); and (5) it has time-limited use of AGA's "blue star" marks for its NRTL certification activities. CSA has requested that OSHA amend its records to reflect the above changes. The NRTL Program staff has already indicated to CSA that it does not object to these changes, which the Agency will formally reflect in its records. OSHA has no requirement to give public notice of such changes, but it is doing so because some of the changes relate to information that the Agency has made public in previous notices regarding CSA's and AGA's recognitions. We give some details on these changes below but will not repeat these details in the notice of our final decision on the expansion request.

Regarding the change of initials, when OSHA recognized CSA as an NRTL (see 57 FR 61452, December 24, 1992), it imposed a condition on CSA to use the "NRTL" initials in the product markings that it authorized in its capacity as an NRTL. However, the NRTL Program staff believes there currently are no compelling reasons to continue this condition. CSA's use of the "US" initials is consistent with the markings of other NRTLs. Regarding the Canadian sites, CSA has stated it no longer uses the sites in Moncton, New Brunswick,

and in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for its NRTL operations. OSHA recognized CSA for these two sites on August 9, 1994 (see 59 FR 40602).

Regarding the changes related to AGA, CSA acquired two testing sites that were a part of AGA when OSHA recognized it as an NRTL (see 55 FR 23312, June 7, 1990). As part of the acquisition, CSA also gained exclusive, but time-limited, use of the AGA "blue star" mark. In recognizing AGA's facilities for CSA, OSHA recognizes that the scope of recognition that now exists for the AGA sites will be integrated into the scope of recognition for CSA. This means the Agency will just list the former AGA sites under the CSA recognition, as if these sites had been recognized for CSA, and will not separately identify the test standards that OSHA had recognized for those sites. This treatment is consistent with the recognition that OSHA has granted to other NRTLs that operate multiple sites. For these NRTLs, OSHA generally recognizes the NRTL for the test standards for which it is qualified, and the NRTL may then use a site to perform product testing and certifications only to the test standards for which the site has the proper capability and programs. OSHA does not limit recognition of a site to particular test standards unless specific limitations are warranted.

Notice of Voluntary Termination

In transferring all of its NRTL facilities and mark to CSA, AGA has in effect provided OSHA notice of its voluntary termination of its recognition. Under section II.D of Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA must "inform the public of any voluntary termination by **Federal Register** notice." For convenience, the Agency is complying with this provision in conjunction with this notice on its preliminary finding on the CSA expansion request.

Preliminary Finding on the Application

CSA has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. In connection with this request, OSHA did not perform an on-site review of CSA's NRTL testing facilities. However, NRTL Program assessment staff reviewed information pertinent to the request and, in a memo dated February 10, 1999 (see Exhibit 23), recommended that CSA's recognition be expanded to include the additional test standard listed above.

Following a review of the application file, the assessor's recommendation, and other pertinent documents, the NRTL Program staff has concluded that OSHA can grant, to the CSA facilities listed above, the expansion of recognition to

use the additional test standard. However, CSA must use a site to perform testing and certifications only to the test standards for which the site has the proper capability and programs. The staff therefore recommended to the Assistant Secretary that the application be preliminarily approved.

Based upon the recommendation of the staff, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that the Canadian Standards Association facilities listed above can meet the recognition requirements, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7, for the expansion of recognition. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, as to whether CSA has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider it, OSHA must receive the comment at the address provided above (see **ADDRESS**), no later than the last date for comments (see **DATES** above). You may obtain or review copies of CSA's requests, the memo on the recommendation, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL-2-92, the permanent record of public information on CSA's recognition.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments, and after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant CSA's expansion request. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the expansion and, in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings that are prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 8th day of July, 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to request approval of an information collection currently in use without an OMB Control Number when veterans, dependents, and other authorized individuals request information from or copies of documents in military personnel, military medical, and dependent medical records. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 3200, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-6913; or electronically mailed to tamee.fechhelm@arch2.nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-713-6730, or fax number 301-713-6913.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Authorization for Release of Military Medical Patient Records, Request for Information Needed to Locate Medical Records, Request for Information Needed to Reconstruct Medical Data, and Questionnaire about Military Service.

OMB number: 3095-New.

Agency form number: NA Forms 13036, 13042, 13055, and 13075.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Veterans, their authorized representatives, state and local governments, and businesses.

Estimated number of respondents: 79,800.

Estimated time per response: 5 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion (when respondent wishes to request information from a military personnel, military medical, and dependent medical record).

Estimated total annual burden hours: 6,650 hours.

Abstract: The information collection is prescribed by 36 CFR 1228.162. In accordance with rules issued by the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Department of Transportation (DOT, U.S. Coast Guard), the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) administers military personnel and medical records of veterans after discharge, retirement, and death. In addition, NPRC administers the medical records of dependents of service personnel. When veterans, dependents, and other authorized individuals request information from or copies of documents on military personnel, military medical, and dependent medical records, they must provide on forms or in letters certain information about the veteran and the nature of the request. A major fire at the NPRC on July 12, 1973, destroyed numerous military records. If individuals' requests involve records or information from records that may have been lost in the fire, requesters may be asked to complete NA Form 13075, Questionnaire about Military Service, or NA Form 13055, Request for Information Needed to Reconstruct Medical Data, so that NPRC staff can search alternative sources to reconstruct the requested information. Requesters who ask for medical records of dependents of service personnel and hospitalization records of military personnel are asked to complete NA Form 13042, Request for Information Needed to Locate Medical Records, so that NPRC staff can locate the desired records. Certain types of information contained in military personnel and medical records are restricted from disclosure unless the veteran provides a more specific release authorization than is normally required. Veterans are asked to complete NA Form 13036, Authorization for Release of Military Medical Patient Records, to authorize

release to a third party of a restricted type of information found in the desired record.

Dated: July 14, 1999.

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Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to request approval of an information collection, currently in use without an OMB Control Number, used to advise requesters of (1) the correct procedures to follow when requesting certified copies of records for use in civil litigation or criminal actions in courts of law, and (2) the information to be provided so that records may be identified. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 20, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 3200, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-6913; or electronically mailed to tamee.fechhelm@arch2.nara.gov.

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