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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2006-0042]

CSA Group Testing & Certification, Inc.: Application for Expansion of Recognition

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

ACTION: Notice.

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

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 [INSERT DATE 15 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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.

OSHA will place comments, including personal information, in the public docket, which will be available online. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency's name and the docket number for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA-2006-0042). 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.

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 [INSERT DATE 15 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] 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.

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, phone: (202) 693-2300 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of the Application for Expansion

OSHA is providing notice that CSA Group Testing & Certification, Inc. (CSA), is applying for an expansion of current recognition as a NRTL. CSA requests the addition of sixteen test sites to its NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA 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, as well as for an expansion or renewal of 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 the 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 webpage for each NRTL, including CSA, which details that NRTL's scope of recognition. These pages are available from the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

CSA currently has six facilities (sites) recognized by OSHA for product testing and certification, with the headquarters located at: CSA Group Testing & Certification, Inc.,

178 Rexdale Boulevard, Etobicoke, Ontario M9W 1R3. A complete list of CSA's scope of recognition is available at <https://www.osha.gov/nationally-recognized-testing-laboratory-program/csa>.

II. General Background on the Application

CSA submitted an application, dated December 15, 2020 (OSHA-2006-0042-0034), requesting the conversion of sixteen existing Satellite Notification Acceptance Program (SNAP) sites to recognized sites under the NRTL Policy for Transitioning to Satellite Notification and Acceptance Program Termination (SNAP Transition Policy) published in the *Federal Register* on November 24, 2020 (85 FR 75042), as amended by a June 22, 2022 Memorandum from James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, to Regional Administrators and Executive Staff, titled "Second Revision to the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) Policy for Transitioning to Satellite Notification and Acceptance Program (SNAP) Termination."

Table 1, below, lists the sixteen sites that CSA's application requested for inclusion in the NRTL's expanded scope of recognition:

Table 1**List of Test Sites to be Included in CSA's****NRTL Scope of Recognition**

CSA Site Name	Address	Country
CSA Group Milan	Palazzo Cassiopea, Via Paracelso N. 22 20864 Agrate Brianza, Italy	Italy
CSA Group Dallas	2860 Guilder Drive Plano, Texas 75074	United States
CSA Group Bangalore	Beary's Global Research Triangle, A-3, Einstein Building Bidarahalli Hobli, Whitefield Ashram Road (SH 35) Bangalore -560 067, India	India
CSA Group Hawarden	Unit 6 Hawarden Industrial Park Hawarden, CH5 3US, United Kingdom	United Kingdom
CSA Group Plattling	Straubinger Str. 100 94447 Plattling, Germany	Germany
CSA Group Seoul	494, Wiryehwan-ro, Songpa-gu Seoul, Republic of Korea	Korea
CSA Group Taoyuan	No. 26, Fuxing 3rd Road Guishan District, Taoyuan City	Taiwan
CSA Group Taipei	5F No. 12, Wenhua Street Neihu District, Taipei City 114 Taiwan	Taiwan
CSA Group Tokyo	5-40-6 Koishikawa Bunkyo- ku Tokyo 112-0002 Japan	Japan
CSA Group Shanghai	Floor 1, Building 4 Qilai Industrial City, 889 Yishan Road, Shanghai, China 200233	China
CSA Group Atlanta	6215 Shiloh Crossing, Building 100 Suite A Alpharetta, GA 30005	United States
CSA Group Taichung	2F. -5 No. 633, Sec. 2, Taiwan Blvd. Xitun District, Taichung City 407, Taiwan	Taiwan

CSA Group Kunshan	Floor 1, Building 8 Tsinghua Science Park No. 1666 Zuchongzhi Road Kunshan, Jiangsu China 215347	China
CSA Group Arnhem	Utrechtseweg 310, 6812 AR Arnhem, Netherlands	Netherlands
CSA Group Guangzhou	No. 10, Ke Yan Road, Guangzhou Science Park Huang Pu District, Guangzhou, China 510663	Guangzhou
CSA Group Frankfurt	Weismullerstr. 45, 60314 Frankfurt Germany	Germany

OSHA has preliminarily determined that it is appropriate to review this application under the SNAP Transition Policy. CSA’s application was timely submitted under that policy, and OSHA preliminarily finds that the SNAP sites in CSA’s application met all other preconditions of eligibility for conversion to recognized sites under the policy (See SNAP Termination Policy, part III 1.a-g, 85 FR at 75047). OSHA also preliminarily decided that it was not necessary to conduct on-site reviews in connection with CSA’s expansion application, based on historical assessment records and supporting documentation submitted by CSA. Moreover, OSHA staff performed assessments of several CSA facilities included in the SNAP conversion application from June 2020 to November 2022, and, while assessors found some nonconformances with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7, CSA addressed these issues sufficiently. OSHA staff has preliminarily determined that OSHA should grant the application and grant recognition to the sixteen sites requested in the application.

III. Preliminary Finding on the Application

CSA submitted an acceptable application for expansion of its scope of recognition. OSHA’s review of the application files and pertinent documentation indicates that CSA can meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for expanding its recognition to include the addition of the sixteen additional test sites for NRTL testing and certification.

This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of CSA's application.

OSHA seeks public comment on this preliminary determination.

IV. Public Participation

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether CSA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition as a NRTL. 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 exhibit 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-2006-0042 (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 CSA'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*.

IV. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, 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. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393; Sept. 18, 2020), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 9, 2023.

James S. Frederick,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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