



## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2019-0009]

#### DEKRA 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 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.

**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.

*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.

*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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 six 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 webpage 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 January 5, 2023 (OSHA-2019-0009-0013), requesting the addition of six recognized testing standards. OSHA staff performed a detailed analysis of the application packets and reviewed other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform an on-site review associated with this application. 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**

<b>Test Standard</b>	<b>Test Standard Title</b>
FM 3600	Electrical Equipment for Use in Hazardous (Classified) Locations, General Requirements
FM 3610*	Intrinsically Safe Apparatus and Associated Apparatus for Use in Class I, II and III, Division 1 Hazardous (Classified) Locations
FM 3611	Electrical Equipment for Use in Class I, Division 2; Class II, Division 2; and Class III, Division 1 and 2 Hazardous Locations
FM 3615*	Explosion-proof Electrical Equipment, General Requirements
FM 3810*	Electrical and Electronic Test, Measuring and Process Control Equipment
UL 857	Electric Busways and Associated Fittings

\*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. Preliminary Findings on the Application**

DEKRA submitted an acceptable application for expansion of the scope of recognition. OSHA’s review of the application files 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 six 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.

### **IV. 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. 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*.

## **V. Authority and Signature**

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

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 20, 2024.

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

