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ESA Suspends Manufacturer's Requirements to Registration Program

As of July 28th, CIPH has been informed that the Ontario Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) announces to electrical product manufacturers and other industry stakeholders that they will postpone the August 30, 2009 deadline for the registration program until further notice.

The Ontario government and ESA have heard from CIPH and other associations about member concerns with the proposed manufacturer registration system. Concerns included the scope of the program, who is required to register, and system component manufacturers' requirements to register.

As a result, the deadline date has been suspended pending further review and consultation of the program with industry. CIPH will inform members of the findings and recommendations once this review is concluded.

ESA assures that those already registered will have their registration extended as appropriate.

As a reminder, the Ontario's product safety regulation authorizes the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) to protect the public against unsafe electrical products in the marketplace by:

- responding to reports of unsafe products;
- removing unsafe, counterfeit and unapproved products from the marketplace;
- requiring manufacturers to notify the public of unsafe products; and
- implementing prevention-based and proactive detection activities.

The ESA's Frequently Asked Questions documents accessed from the attached link below is being revised and will be reposted shortly.

For more information and questions about the product safety registration process, e-mails should be directed to ESA's Product Safety Group – product.safety@electricalsafety.on.ca, or call Norm Breton, ESA's General Manager, Product Safety, at (905) 712-7813.

Source: ESA: http://www.esasafe.com/product_safety/index.php

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