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UL 325 – Door, Drapery, Gate, Louver, and Window Operators
- UL 325 remains very active with a number of proposals in various stages of the standards development process. In addition to the current standards activity, UL was asked by industry in Canada and the US to propose UL 325 as a joint Canada-US standard in order to align the requirements in both countries. Publication of one standard for both countries is an efficient way for Canadian and US requirements to remain technically consistent. Maintaining the joint standard under a single consensus committee (STP 325) will reduce duplication of efforts. A meeting of STP 325 to kick off the joint Canadian-US standard work was held in February 2016. The subcommittee working on the initial draft standard has been meeting regularly, and completion of the draft for preliminary STP review is expected this summer, 2016.

UL 507 – Electric Fans
- A meeting of STP 507 to discuss several new proposals and other current standards activity was held in February 2016. As a result of the meeting, a series of new proposals will be moved to STP preliminary review, including several addressing new motor requirements. In addition, other proposals resulting from the meeting discussion will move to STP ballot.

STP 745 – Electric Tools
- With the IEC transition to the new IEC 62841 series of standards for hand-held and portable tools and lawn and garden machinery, efforts are continuing to adopt the associated UL 62841 series of standards, when appropriate, as the IEC editions are published.
- The most recent activity in this area has been efforts to adopt the IEC-based standards for transportable table saws, UL 62841-3-1, transportable miter saws, UL 62841-3-9, and transportable cut-off machines, UL 62841-3-10. The ballot for UL 62841-3-1 adoption of the base standard closed April 19, 2016; it reached consensus with comments. Recirculation of any changes based on the ballot comments will be next, with the target timeframe of summer 2016. The STP ballot for UL 62841-3-10 closed May 2, 2016. It also reached consensus with no comments. Publication is set for June 2016.

UL 749 – Household Dishwashers
(Bi-national standard with Canada)
- The proposed 9th Edition of UL 749 ballot closed in January 2016. STP consensus was reached, but with comments. The technical harmonization committee (THC) is working to complete its review of the comments and to make changes to the proposals based on comments received by end of July 2016. Recirculation is next, with a target timeframe of August 2016.

UL 858 – Electric Ranges
- UL 858 continues to be very active in 2016, with a series of six new proposals completing STP preliminary review March 28. These include new requirements for induction heating appliances and changes to the recent addition of cooking oil ignition testing. A number of preliminary review comments were received, and they are being considered prior to the STP ballot being initiated. STP ballot is targeted for July 2016.

UL 923 – Microwave Cooking Appliances
- Several new proposals, including a new supplement for electronic circuits, were circulated for STP preliminary review June 10, 2016 with a closing date of June 24. In addition, a new task group was formed to develop proposals intended to reduce the likelihood of a very young child being able to open a microwave oven door and access heated food or drink that may then injure them. This TG work was launched June 7, 2016.

UL 982 – Household Food Preparing Machines
- A series of eleven proposals moved to STP ballot April 15, 2016. The proposals include requirements covering blender touch screen controls, blender blade endurance, fill line for food processors, use of button/coin cell batteries, and several related to markings and instructions. The ballot is set to close June 14, 2016.

UL 1017 – Vacuum Cleaners, Blower Cleaners, and Household Floor Finishing Machines
(Bi-national standard with Canada)
- The 9th edition of UL 1017 was published in 2015. A new revision cycle is in the early stage of development.
UL 1026 – Electric Household Cooking and Food Serving Appliances
• A series of six proposals resulting from the March 16, 2016 STP Meeting was moved to ballot April 15. The proposals reached consensus, with only the proposal covering instruction manual references to extension cords receiving comments and needing resolution. Recirculation of that topic closed May 24, and publication of all the changes is targeted for June 2016.

UL 1082 – Electric Coffee Makers and Brewing-Type Appliances
• A series of six proposals, several resulting from the March 16, 2016 STP Meeting, was moved to ballot in April and May. The proposals reached consensus, but with comments that need resolution. Recirculation of proposal topics revised as a result of the ballot is targeted for July 2016.

UL 1083 – Household Electric Skillets and Frying-Type Appliances
• A series of three proposals, several resulting from the March 16, 2016 STP Meeting, was moved to ballot in April. The proposals reached consensus with no comments. Publication of the changes is targeted for June 2016.

UL 1278 – Movable and Wall- or Ceiling-Hung Electric Room Heaters
• The task group working on a new supplement for smart-enabled room heaters is continuing its work in that area. Based on the work still necessary, the ballot timeframe has not been determined. Several additional proposals moved to ballot June 10, 2016. These include requirements for clarification of alarms, clarification of static load test for hanging means, and clarification of requirements for heating elements. The ballot closes July 11.

UL 2157 – Electric Clothes Washing Machines and Extractors (Bi-National Standard with Canada)
• A new revision cycle is in the early stage of development, and the technical harmonization committee (THC) is in the process of reviewing a new series of proposals.

UL 2158 – Electric Clothes Dryers (Bi-National Standard with Canada)
• A new revision cycle is in the early stage of development, and the THC is in the process of reviewing a new series of proposals.

UL 60335-1 – Household and Similar Electrical Appliances, Part 1: General Requirements
• The 6th Edition of UL 60335-1 was circulated for STP ballot in February 2016. The ballot closed March 21, and consensus was achieved. The harmonization committee is reviewing the comments received during the ballot, and they will determine whether a recirculation of any final changes will be needed. Target completion for resolution of comments is end of June 2016. See additional details about the recent amendment to IEC 60335-1 in this issue.

UL 60335-2-24 – Household Refrigerators, Ice-Cream Appliances, and Ice-Makers (Tri-National Standard with Canada and Mexico)
• The 2nd Edition of UL 60335-2-24 was circulated for STP ballot in March 2016, closing May 17. The proposed new edition did not reach consensus, but it did receive enough affirmative ballots to continue on in the process to recirculation. The THC is currently reviewing all comments received during the ballot. Target completion for THC review of the ballot comments is July 2016.

UL 60335-2-40 – Household Electrical Heat Pumps, Air-Conditioners and Dehumidifiers
• Several new proposals, including realignment of the 2nd edition of UL 60335-2-40 with the current edition of IEC 60335-2-40, was circulated to the STP for preliminary review in February 2016 with the comment period closing March 21. The technical harmonization subcommittee is reviewing the comments received, with the next step in the process being the STP ballot. The target timeframe for the ballot to open is end of July 2016.