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LOG OF TELEPHONE CALL

SUBJECT: Proposed UL Requirements for Tungsten-Halogen Torchiere Lamps.

DATE: June 10, 1996

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: June 13, 1996

SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: William H. King, Jr., ESEE *WMC*

CPSC PARTICIPANT: William H. King, Jr., ESEE

NON-CPSC PARTICIPANT: John Drengenberg, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL)

SUMMARY:

Mr. Drengenberg called to brief Mr. King on the UL response to CPSC staff preliminary comments on a draft UL bulletin that UL plans to issue with regard to proposed revisions to the UL safety standard for portable electric lamps, UL 153. The proposed revisions will be applicable to tungsten-halogen (halogen) torchiere style lamps.

CPSC staff had commented that, in addition to a Philips brand bulb specified in the UL draft proposal, the testing should include the actual bulb brand provided with the lamp when a lamp is provided with a bulb. Frequently, halogen lamps of this type are provided with a bulb and often with a spare bulb.

UL maintains that the Philips brand bulb reasonably represents the hottest bulb in the industry with its double filament design, and therefore, UL will propose testing only with this brand.

CPSC staff had commented that the new warning label should be located where readily visible when operating the lamp switch. UL planned to propose locating the warning label only at a point where visible during re-lamping.

UL now plans to propose that the marking be located on the pole, base or power supply cord in addition to the re-lamping area.

CPSC staff commented that abnormal testing that involves draping a double layer of cheesecloth over the lamp as the flame ignition indicator was not recommended based on CPSC staff testing. CPSC staff suggested considering another indicator. In CPSC staff testing, a cheesecloth pad made from a 1-1/2 x 2 foot piece of double-layered cheesecloth folded to form a 4 x 6 inch rectangular, uncompressed pad was placed directly over, and in line with the bulb.

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UL indicated that they plan to stay with their test and will propose draping the lamp only with the double layer of cheesecloth. CPSC staff indicated that they will likely comment further on this matter.