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UL Launches Enhanced Certification Mark and Badge System

Products today must meet a diverse spectrum of certification and compliance requirements, and there is a growing need to provide more transparency into products in the marketplace.

In response to evolving customer needs, UL (Underwriters Laboratories) has unveiled an enhanced version of its iconic **UL Certification Mark** as well as a Certification Badge to help promote compliance in a meaningful way to the marketplace. Standard labels using the enhanced UL Certification Mark will be introduced in September 2013.

“As our global supply chain has become more complex, there is a greater demand for transparency to help manage risk and provide the marketplace more information about products,” said Keith Williams,

UL president and CEO. “Our enhanced Marks system will play an increasingly critical role for suppliers, manufacturers, authorities, retailers and consumers to help communicate and understand the scope of certification for a given product.”

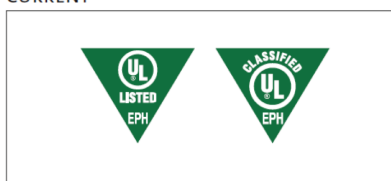
The enhanced UL Certification Mark enables companies to bundle multiple certifications for multiple geographies into a single mark. It includes a unique identifier that provides more details on the scope of certification for a particular product; allows for growth and inclusion of new types of certifications; and,

provides enhanced Mark intelligence and traceability for the future. As part of the mark system, the Certification Badge provides an optimized, concise way for companies to promote compliance in the marketplace through use on marketing, advertising and packaging materials.

All currently existing versions of UL’s Listing and Classification Marks remain valid and should continue to be accepted as an indication of Certification. UL expects the transition to the enhanced Mark to happen over time. For more information, go to UL.com/marks.



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<p>For products evaluated to Sanitation Standards</p>  <p>Note: if product is also Certified for Safety, it will also have the word “Safety” on the Mark</p>	<p>For products evaluated to Health Effects Standards</p>  <p>Note: if product is also Certified for Safety, it will also have the word “Safety” on the Mark</p>
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For products evaluated to Health Effects Standards



Note: if product is also Certified for Safety, it will also have “Safety” on the Mark. If product is also Certified for Performance, it will also have “Performance” on the Mark

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UL Will Provide UCMR 3 Testing Services for Small Public Water Systems

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Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA identifies a new list of contaminants suspected in public water systems that may warrant regulation every five years. The Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring program is designed to collect data on contaminants that are suspected to be present in drinking water but that are not currently regulated.

In support of that data collection effort, the EPA has recently implemented its third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 3), which will require public water systems (PWSs) to conduct assessment monitoring for the presence of 28 additional chemicals and two viruses during a 12-month period beginning in January 2013. The EPA will use the data from this and prior UCMR assessment phases to determine

UL (Underwriters Laboratories) has won a contract from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to test samples from small public water systems serving 10,000 people or fewer for contaminants listed in the third cycle of EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 3) program.

whether further drinking water regulations are in the interest of public health. Since the inception of the UCMR program in 2001, UL has supported the EPA in this effort.

UL has published white paper that provides a detailed overview of the EPA's UCMR 3 monitoring program for PWSs. You can download a copy of this white paper [here](#).

During a 12-month period between January 2013 through December 2015, approximately 800 EPA-selected small public water systems serving 10,000 or fewer people will be required to monitor for **21 contaminants** and 480 EPA-selected small systems will be required to monitor for **seven additional contaminants**.

UL has worked extensively with the EPA in the past and is pleased to partner with them again to assist with the third UCMR

program for small systems. Public safety is a major priority for UL, and through this effort we are able to work toward ensuring a safe, clean water supply for all.

UL is approved by the EPA to perform all methods required for UCMR 3 **List 1** and **List 2** contaminants. Over the past 20 years, UL has analyzed more than 2.5 million water samples for thousands of bottlers, public water systems, engineering firms and state and federal agencies, such as the EPA and military. UL is also accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for delivering the widest range of testing and certification services for water product manufacturers.

For more information on UL's testing and analytical services for the UCMR 3 program, visit www.ul.com/ucmr3.

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