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Dear valued customer,

**Adhesive-type Label Acceptance Program (ALAP)**

CSA International is announcing improvements to the **Label Acceptance Program for Adhesive Type Labels**. The improved program provides you with **two convenient service options: The Data Recognition Program and the Regular Model Acceptance Program**.

Both programs have been streamlined and will save you time and money.

The **Data Recognition** program provides you with the convenience of conducting the testing of your own label construction and printing function and once you have completed the test report, you submit it to CSA for review. In order to qualify for the Audit / Data Recognition program, you will be required to adhere to the ISO 17025 requirements and complete a qualification audit of the factories and facilities. Upon successful completion of the initial qualification audit, your facilities will be re-audited every three years.

Your CSA job holder would be happy to discuss this program in detail with you.

The **Regular Model Acceptance Program** is the best option if you prefer CSA to conduct the testing and prepare the test report. You submit the required samples and CSA will do the rest.

**The key improvement made to both programs includes the elimination of the 3 year follow up testing.** Once a label construction has been accepted in the program, it is accepted for life with no follow up tests, other than a single, annual random conformity test along with the annual inspection of the factory.

We have summarized the two programs below for your quick and easy reference.

**Summary of the new ALAP program**

**CSA Standard C22.2 No. 0.15 – 01 – Adhesive Labels**

**Program covers products under the following classes:**

- 7921-01 to 14 Adhesive-type Labels
- 7922-01 Label Stock
- 7923-01 Printing Systems
- 7924-01 Electronic Printing Technologies

### **Regular Model Acceptance**

- New product submissions sent to CSA for testing and preparation of acceptance documentation
- Annual Follow up Inspections
- Annual Conformity testing sent to CSA for testing (random sample)

### **Data Recognition**

- Initial Qualification Audit / Product Evaluation
- In-house testing and reporting; report sent to CSA for review and acceptance (possible validation testing conducted at CSA for initial acceptance)
- Annual Follow-up Inspections
- Annual conformity testing sent to CSA for testing (random sample)
- 3 year Re-qualification Audit
- Each factory must work to an ISO 17025 system, but not necessarily be Registered

### **Both Programs**

- Elimination of the 3 year follow-up testing for all products
- All qualified factories will be authorized to produce all constructions
- CSA may accept existing cUL accepted stock material and grant Acceptance to the C22.2 #0.15 Standard.
- Currently accepted product will not be retested (except for possibly random conformity tests)

Should you have any questions about the Label Acceptance Program for Adhesive Type Labels, your job holder or a CSA representative would be happy to assist you and can be reached at: 416-747-2310 (Maria) or 416-747-2622 (Dan).

Thank you for selecting CSA International and for the trust you place in us.

Sincerely,



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