

**CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA
FOR
RVIA RECOGNITION OF LISTING AGENCIES
(Effective July 26, 2013)**

Any organization seeking RVIA recognition as an approved listing agency must submit information in writing to show that they:

1. Are accredited as a minimum to ISO/IEC 17065 (CAN-P-3G) through an identified registrar;
2. Are not under the jurisdiction or control of any manufacturer or supplier for any affected industry;
3. Maintain at least an annual inspection program of all equipment and/or installations currently listed;
4. Have available a published report in which specific information is included stating that the equipment and/or installations are listed for use in the specified manner; and
5. Are covered by a current commercial general liability insurance policy.

In addition, the organization must submit a written letter indicating that it understands and agrees to comply with the following RVIA conditions:

- A. That it will list products only to recognized standards, or provisional standards as developed under procedures, if applicable, established by the identified registrar and within the scope of the listing agency's accreditation;
- B. That falsifying any product listing, or any portion of such a listing, could result in the loss of RVIA recognition; and
- C. In the event it loses its ISO/IEC 17065 (CAN-P-3G) accreditation it will:
 - a) Immediately notify RVIA or respond to any RVIA inquiry in writing within 30 days regarding their loss of accreditation; and
 - b) Resolve the accreditation issue and notify RVIA of this resolution within 90 days, inclusive (NOTE: If the issue is not resolved within 90 days, the agency will be terminated as a recognized listing agency and RVIA members will have 6 months from the termination date to use up existing inventory of the listed product(s) and/or get the product(s) listed by another recognized agency).

Notwithstanding the above criteria for direct RVIA recognition of approved listing agencies, RVIA will, under appropriate circumstances, also recognize those listing agencies that are a signatory to the International Accreditation Forum's Multilateral Recognition Agreement.

Accreditation bodies such as the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and the U.S. based A2LA are members of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and, as such, participate in a Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MLA). The main purpose of the MLA is to ensure mutual recognition of accreditations between signatory listing agencies. Once an accreditation body is a

signatory of the IAF MLA it is required to recognize as equivalent the certificates issued by all other MLA signatories who have "the appropriate scope." That scope, in this case, is compliance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17065 (see item 5(C) above).

For more information, see the following web site: http://www.iaf.nu/articles/IAF_MLA/14

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