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This Standard was prepared by the Z83/CSA Joint Technical Advisory Group on Standards for Gas-Fired Infrared Radiant Heaters, under the jurisdiction of the Technical Committee on Performance and Installation of Gas Burning Appliances and Related Accessories and the Strategic Steering Committee on Standards for Gas Appliances and Related Accessories, and had been formally approved by the Technical Committee(s), American National Standards Institute, and the Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council.

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With the onset of the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Canada on January 2, 1988, significant attention was given to the harmonization of the United States and Canadian safety standards addressing gas-fired equipment for residential, commercial and industrial applications. It was believed that the elimination of the differences between the standards would remove potential trade barriers and provide an atmosphere in which North American manufacturers could market more freely in the United States and Canada. The harmonization of these standards was also seen as a step toward harmonization with international standards. Joint subcommittees were established to facilitate the standards harmonization process between the United States and Canada.

The draft harmonized standard was based on coverage from the CSA International Requirement 5.90 For Gas-Fired Infrared Patio Heaters.

During its August 22, 2006 meeting, the Z83/CSA Joint Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Standards for Gas-Fired Infrared Radiant Heaters approved the first draft harmonized standard for gas-fired outdoor infrared patio heaters, ANSI Z83.26 • CSA 2.37, for distribution for review and comment.

Following reconsideration and modification of the proposed draft standard, in light of comments received, the joint TAG, at its December 5, 2006 meeting, recommended the proposed draft standard to the Z21/83 Committee and the CSA Technical Committee for approval.

The proposed draft harmonized standard for gas-fired outdoor infrared patio heaters was approved by the Z21/83 Committee on June 27, 2007, and by the CSA Technical Committee on April 19, 2007.

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Gas-fired outdoor infrared patio heaters

1 Scope

1.1

This Standard applies to newly produced gas-fired outdoor infrared patio heaters (see Clause 3, Definitions) hereinafter referred to as heaters or appliances, constructed entirely of new, unused parts and materials.

Patio heaters are for use with:

- a) natural gas; and
- b) liquefied petroleum (propane) gases.

1.2

The heaters covered by this Standard are intended for installation in and heating of residential or nonresidential spaces (see Clause 3, Definitions).

1.3

Infrared patio heaters may be suspended overhead, angle mounted overhead, wall mounted, floor mounted, or for tabletop use.

1.4

Patio heaters intended for tabletop use shall be limited to input ratings of 15,000 Btu/hr (4 396 W) or less.

1.5

Infrared patio heaters may be for connection to:

- a) a fixed fuel piping system operating at inlet gas pressures not exceeding 1/2 psi (3.5kPa); or
- b) an integral self-contained liquefied petroleum (propane) gas supply system, provided the appliance incorporates mounting means for the attachment of a maximum of one cylinder limited to a maximum of 20 lb (9.1 kg) of fuel operating at regulated outlet:
 - i) pressure not exceeding 11 in wc (2.74 kPa); or
 - ii) pressures in excess of 11 in wc (2.74 kPa) but not greater than 5 psi (34.5 kPa).

1.6

Clause 2 contains a list of standards specifically referenced in this Standard and sources from which these reference standards may be obtained.

1.7

If a value for measurement as given in this Standard is followed by an equivalent value in other units, the first stated value is to be regarded as the specification.

This Standard contains SI (Metric) equivalents to the yard/pound quantities, the purpose being to allow the standard to be used in SI (Metric) units. (IEEE/ASTM-SI-10 is used as a guide in making metric