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Foreword

There is no evidence that the property damage or personnel injury rate is higher with tungsten-halogen incandescent lamps compared to other types of lamps in convention centers and trade show exhibition halls. Furthermore, there is no evidence that the property damage or personnel injury rate is higher with stage and studio luminaires compared to other types of luminaires when used in convention centers and trade show exhibition halls. Nevertheless, the management staff of some convention centers and trade show exhibition halls perceive that there are greater risks with tungsten-halogen lamps than there are with other light sources, and that there are greater risks with stage and studio luminaires than there are with other luminaires, and have moved to prohibit or limit the use of tungsten-halogen lamps and stage and studio luminaires by vendors exhibiting their wares in trade show exhibit booths. Management staff also realize that the perceived risks can be mitigated with appropriate procedures, but have had difficulty in defining those procedures. This document has been written to offer a model set of procedures that can be used by convention center and trade show exhibition hall staff to mitigate the risks perceived to be associated with the use of tungsten-halogen lamps and stage and studio luminaires.

The procedures described in this document also could be applied to lamps and to luminaires other than tungsten-halogen lamps and stage and studio luminaires. However, these other light sources and luminaires are not within the scope of this document because convention center and trade show exhibition hall management staff have not identified these light sources or luminaires as having risks associated with their use that warrant special procedures.

1 Scope

This policy applies to all luminaires that use tungsten-halogen lamps and to all stage and studio luminaires being used by vendors to provide illumination or to create effects with light in exhibit booths at convention centers or trade shows.

2 Definitions

2.1 Halogen lamp: A tungsten-halogen lamp.

2.2 Labeled: Equipment is Labeled if there is attached to it a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (a) that makes periodic inspections of the production of such equipment and (b) whose labeling indicates compliance with nationally recognized standards or tests to determine safe use in a specific manner.

2.3 Linear halogen lamp: A tungsten-halogen lamp that uses a tubular envelope with a recessed single-contact base at each end.

2.4 Light plot: A scale drawing similar to a floor plan that shows the locations of lighting equipment.

2.5 Listed: Equipment is Listed if it appears on a list that (a) is published by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory that makes periodic inspection of the productions of such equipment, and (b) that states such equipment meets nationally recognized standards or has been tested and found safe for use in a specified manner.

2.6 Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory: An organization that is recognized by OSHA in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.7 Appendix A, that tests products for safety, and that lists or labels or accepts equipment or materials.