

Fuel Safety Bulletin

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Uncertified appliances for which there is no recognized national standard

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We have reviewed our approach on appliances awaiting a CSA B149.3 Special Inspection. These are one-off special appliances for which there is no recognized national standard. In the past, we have allowed these units to be put into service pending a Special Inspection and with the understanding that any requirements which CSA make would be completed in a timely manner. In the past 2 years, we are finding more instances of this policy being circumvented to the extent that we must now reevaluate our operating procedures. We have reviewed this issue with our counterparts in the rest of Canada. Most jurisdictions are requiring field approval before units are put into service. Our new policy will be consistent with most other jurisdictions.

Clauses 4.2.1 of the *CAN/CSA-B149.1-10 Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code* states:

4.2.1 An appliance, accessory, component, equipment, or material used in an installation shall be of a type and rating approved for the specific purpose for which it is employed.

Subsection 12(3) of the *Fuel Safety Regulations* states:

12 (3) If there is no recognized standard for a *gas appliance, container or equipment*, it may be *field certified* for the site where it is located by a recognized certification organization approved by the *FS chief inspector* if it conforms with the *FS standards* or an equivalent standard.

RULING: As of this date, any uncertified appliances or equipment requiring a CSA B149.3 Special Inspection will be required to be labeled before being put into operation. We will allow connection to the gas supply **ONLY** for initial testing and startup for the CSA inspector. The installer will arrange through this office for a Fuel Safety Inspector to be on site for this startup.

Failure of the initial inspection will result in the immediate lockoff of the fuel supply and the appliance/equipment will be Red Tagged.

NOTE: This procedure does not apply to the conversion of presently certified appliances to another fuel source. These will proceed as in the past.

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