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To: Listees of Fire Protective Signaling Systems, Signal Receiving Centres,
Listees of Fire Protective Signaling Systems, Installation Companies
Other Interested

Subject: First Edition of CAN/ULC-S561-03 (Including **Amendment 1**)
Installation and Services for Fire Signal Receiving Centres and Systems

This is further to the Certification Bulletin 2004-04, dated January 16, 2004 announcing the First Edition of CAN/ULC-S561-03, Installation and Services for Fire Signal Receiving Centres and Systems. This Standard was approved by the ULC Committee on Fire Alarm Equipment and Systems, and has been published under the date of September 2003. This Edition of the Standard was developed on the basis of ULC/ORD-C693-1994, Central Station Fire Protective Signaling Systems and Services, and has been extensively revised to harmonize with requirements contained in CAN/ULC-S301, Standard for Central and Monitoring Station Burglar Alarm Systems; CAN/ULC- 559, Equipment for Fire Signal Receiving Centres and Systems; and to reflect requirements in other fire alarm system standards. A copy of ULC Bulletin 2004-04 is also attached for your records.

ULC is pleased to announce the release of **Amendment 1** to the First Edition of CAN/ULC-S561-03, Installation and Services for Fire Signal Receiving Centres and Systems. Amendment 1 has been approved by the ULC Committee on Fire Alarm Equipment and Systems, and is dated September 25, 2006, while the First Edition of this Standard was published in September 2003.

CAN/ULC-S561-03 (Including **Amendment 1**) will be of interest to the fire alarm monitoring and installation industry, authorities having jurisdiction and others. This Standard covers:

- (i) The construction, operation, installation, inspection and tests applicable to fire signal receiving centres for fire protective signaling services utilizing fire signal receiving centre facilities and satellite centres, signal processing centres and bridging centres;
- (ii) Construction and operation of a proprietary fire signal receiving centre; and
- (iii) Installation, inspection and tests applicable to signal transmitting units and its field device inputs at the protected premises.

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The purpose of the Amendment to CAN/ULC-S561-03 is to:

- (i) Remove prescriptive requirements and allow for alternative sources of adequate reliable standby power with regards to emergency power supplies and generators. (Refer to Clauses 5.4.1, 6.5, 11.5.5, 12.6.5)
- (ii) Clarify intent for the location of a fire signal receiving centre with regards to Group F, Division 1 and 2 Major Occupancy.
(Refer to Clauses 3.1.1 and Appendix A2)

As indicated in the January 16, 2004 Certification Bulletin No. 2004-04, Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada has adopted provisions of this Edition of the Standard and which has now been extended to include **Amendment 1**. All new submittals of Fire Signal Receiving Centres and Systems will be investigated in accordance with these requirements. We have extended the original compliance date by one year and expect all existing listings to comply with the new requirements by February 28, 2008. Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada is reviewing all currently listed signal receiving facilities and will be conducting a facility audit during 2007 calendar year to verify compliance with the requirements of this edition of the Standard, including **Amendment 1**.

To assist in complying with these requirements, a Fire Signal Centres and Systems Checklist has been created. This List, which will form the basis of the audit and examination, is enclosed for your reference.

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