

Harmonization News

As a Standards Developing Organization, UL is continually looking for ways to reduce the turnaround time to process documents from inception to publication.

UL has developed a Word template, designed around the accepted harmonization format. When this Word template is used, UL has the ability to convert these Word documents into SGML - UL 's publication language – resulting in a reduction of the time needed to convert a THC draft to a bulletin containing the THC proposals and faster processing of Standards Materials.

For all new efforts and for those recently started, UL requests that the WORD template be used. When UL is the publication coordinator, UL will not accept any THC drafts for new work that does not use the WORD template. UL encourages its use for all harmonization efforts; however, we recognize that THCs nearing the end of the harmonization effort may not want to spend the time marking the styles included in the template. Those THCs choosing not to use the template for drafts currently in progress should recognize that in not doing so, the time required by UL to convert the document into UL's publishing system for issuing as a bulletin will be greater than efforts utilizing the template.

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