

CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA FOR RV INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION OF LISTING AGENCIES

Any organization seeking RV Industry Association recognition as an approved listing agency must submit information in writing to show that they:

- 1. Are accredited as a minimum to ISO/IEC 17065 (CAN-P-3G) through an identified registrar
- 2. Are not under the jurisdiction or control of any manufacturer or supplier for any affected industry
- 3. Maintain at least an annual inspection program of all equipment and/or installations currently listed
- 4. Have available a published report in which specific information is included stating that the equipment and/or installations are listed for use in the specified manner
- 5. Are covered by a current commercial general liability insurance policy

In addition, the organization must submit a written letter indicating that it understands and agrees to comply with the following RV Industry Association conditions:

- Must list products only to recognized standards, or provisional standards as developed under procedures, if applicable, established by the identified registrar and within the scope of the listing agency's accreditation
- Falsifying any product listing, or any portion of such a listing, could result in the loss of RV Industry Association recognition
- In the event of a loss of ISO/IEC 17065 (CAN-P-3G) accreditation:
 - Immediately notify the RV Industry Association or respond to any RV Industry Association inquiry in writing within 30 days regarding their loss of accreditation
 - Resolve the accreditation issue and notify the RV Industry Association of the resolution within 90 days (NOTE: If the issue is not resolved within 90 days, the agency will be terminated as a recognized listing agency and RV Industry Association members will have 6 months from the termination date to use up existing inventory of the listed product(s) and/or get the product(s) listed by another recognized agency).

Notwithstanding the above criteria for direct RV Industry Association recognition of approved listing agencies, the RV Industry Association will, under appropriate circumstances, also recognize those listing agencies that are a signatory to the International Accreditation Forum's Multilateral Recognition Agreement.

Accreditation bodies such as the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and the U.S. based A2LA are members of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and, as such, participate in a Multi-lateral Recognition Agreement (MLA). The main purpose of the MLA is to ensure mutual recognition of accreditations between signatory listing agencies. Once an accreditation body is a signatory of the IAF MLA it is required to recognize as equivalent the certificates issued by all other MLA signatories who have "the appropriate scope." That scope, in this case, is compliance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17065 (see item 5(C) above). <u>Click here for more information</u>.

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