CERTIFICATION **Notice**

An URGENT Bulletin from CSA International

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Occupational Health and Safety Products No. 48B

(Supersedes Notice OH & Safety Products No. 48A, Ref N07-038)

Effective Date: July 1, 2008

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Announcing: Extension of Effective Date of Certification Notice "Occupational Health and Safety Products No. 48A (N07-038)" addressing CSA Standard Z259.2.1-98 (R2004) - Fall Arresters, Vertical Lifelines, and Rails

Class No:7217 02 : OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PRODUCTS - Fall Arresting Devices - Arresters, Vertical Lifelines and Rails

Who is affected?

Manufacturers of Fall Arresters, Lifelines, and Rails

What do you do?

1. CSA International Service Delivery staff will contact you to address compliance with each revision as applicable to the product designs covered in your affected Certification Reports. In addition to updates to your Certificate(s) of Compliance & Report(s), testing may be required to comply with these revisions.
2. Manufacturers of Fall Arresters, Lifelines, and Rails. If testing is needed, we will inform you of the samples required.

Need additional technical information?

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Approvals:

The fourth edition of CSA Z259.2.1, *Fall Arresters, Vertical Lifelines and Rails* was prepared by the Technical Committee on Fall Protection, under the jurisdiction of the Strategic Steering Committee on Occupational Health and Safety. It was formally approved by the Technical Committee and published in December 2003.

It supersedes the previous edition published in August 2002.

Major Revisions:

All submittors of product under Class 7217-02 are required to provide written identification of the specific model(s) of fall arresters that will be compatible for use only with specific model(s) of vertical life lines. The arrester will only be listed as certified as compatible with life lines which are CSA Certified. CSA will conduct testing as per the Standard Z259.2.1, to ensure their compatibility and that all products meet the requirements.

Background and Rationale:

See attachment 1

Additional Information on Apply Before Date

See attachment 1

In the event your models do not comply with the effective standards, arrangements must be made to bring them into compliance.

In the event we do not receive a response as to your currently certified models, prior to the above applicable effective date(s), the certification of such models will be discontinued.

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Background and Rationale

As a result of a review of the current Certification program, we have determined that verification and identification of specific compatibility of models were necessary to ensure the proper utilization of fall arresting devices and vertical life lines. This information shall be reflected in all associated CSA records and documentation. As CSA International can only attest to the compliance of CSA Certified products to the standard (i.e. vertical lifelines can be validated through the certification program), compatibility will only reflect CSA certified models of lifelines rather than product that may be manufactured by the end user.

This Certification Notice announces an extension of the effective date from September 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008, previously announced by CSA International in Certification Notice “Occupational Health and Safety Products No. 48A (N07-038)” dated May 11, 2007.

As the “apply date” announced by CSA International in Certification Notice “Occupational Health and Safety Products No. 48A (N07-038)” dated May 11, 2007, was June 1, 2007, CSA International will only be updating and completing projects that were submitted by this original “apply by” date.