



Resolution SC No. 169/2018 and Services of UL Argentina

Thank you for your interest on UL Argentina product certification services. This brochure provides you the information about UL and explains you the process of certification, the main steps, the rights and obligations and answers to your frequent questions.

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- UL BR Mark with the INMETRO Mark for Brazil
- UL Mark for the United States
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- CE marking
- UL EU Mark for Europe
- ENEC Mark
- UL GS Mark for Germany
- GOST-R Mark for Russia
- Demko D-Mark for Denmark

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- CCC Mark for China
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Resolution SC No. 169/2018

Generalities

Argentina has a RESOLUTION of MANDATORY COMPLIANCE, which requires that all electrical equipment marketed within the national territory shall have a safety certification of compliance with essential safety requirements, issued by a product certification body. The certification bodies that take part in this mandatory system must be OAA accredited and recognized by the National Government. Pursuant to this Resolution, if products comply with the applicable IRAM or IEC standards, the essential safety requirements are considered fulfilled.

Resolution 169/2018 became in force on May 27th, 2018, and it was updated on Jun 6th, 2018 with Resolution 338/2018 and on Dec 9th, 2019 with Resolution 836/2019.

Electrical equipment is understood as the equipment or material to be used with a nominal input voltage, for consuming loads, and / or nominal output, for generating loads, between 50 Vac and 1,000 Vac, and between 75 Vdc and 1,500 Vdc.

Certification models established on Resolution 169/2018

Resolution 169/18 and its modifications and updates establishes that certifications using System No. 4 (Type), System No. 5 (Mark of conformity), or System No. 7 (Lot) will be valid, as defined in Resolution ex SCT 197/04.

For specific electrical equipment listed in next sections only System No. 5 (Mark of conformity) is allowed.

Type

This certification model consists on the test on samples of the product to evaluate the conformity with the standard, followed by market surveillance. The product shall bear the official safety mark. Below, the elements of the Type model

- Samples, selected by the certification body
- Tests and evaluation of the product using the applicable standards
- Evaluation of test reports
- Reviewing of the process
- Certificate issuance
- Use of the official safety mark (see the example below)
- Market surveillance, carrying out tests on samples selected in the market and/or at customer warehouse in Argentina. It includes Identity verification and reduced tests.



Below, the official mark for Type certification is shown.



Mark (ULAR S)

This certification model consists on the test on samples of the product to evaluate the conformity with the standard and the assessment of the factory, followed by the market surveillance. The product shall bear the official safety mark, plus the mark of the certification body involved in the process. Below, the elements of the Mark certification model

- Factory inspection
- Samples, selected by the certification body
- Tests and evaluation of the product using the applicable standards
- Evaluation of test reports
- Reviewing of the process
- Certificate issuance
- Use of the official safety mark, plus the mark of the certification body (see the example below)
- Market surveillance, carrying out tests on samples selected in the market and/or at customer warehouse in Argentina. It includes an identity verification and reduced tests, according to Resolution 169/2018.

The main difference between Type and Mark certification is the factory inspection (once a year as a minimum). Besides, as in Mark certification the product shall bear the mark of Commerce and Industry Secretary (S Mark) and the one corresponding to UL Argentina (UL-AR), the applicant must pay the annual license fee for this.

Below, the official mark for Mark certification is shown. (Res. 799/1999)



All the products that have obtained a Mark certification shall bear the official mandatory safety “S” mark, plus the UL de Argentina safety mark “UL-AR”.



Lot

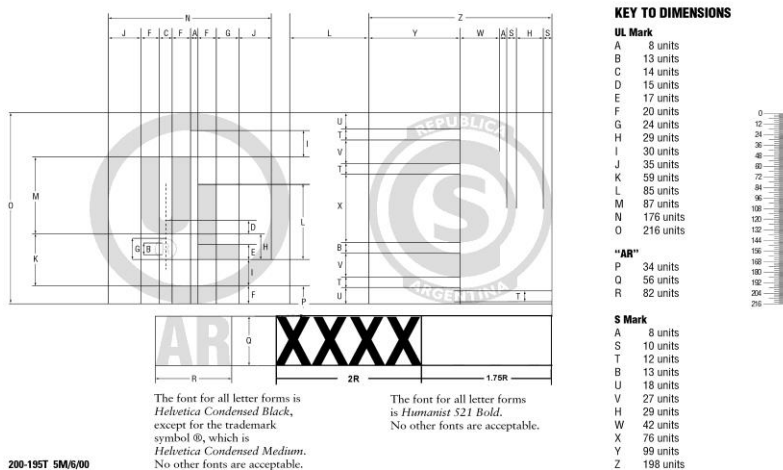
This certification model consists on the test on samples of the product, selected from the lot to be certified, to evaluate the conformity with the standard. The product shall bear the official safety mark. Below, the elements of the Lot model

- Samples, selected by the certification body
- Tests and evaluation of the product using the applicable standards
- Evaluation of test reports
- Reviewing of the process
- Certificate issuance
- Use of the official safety mark (see the example below)

Below, the official mark for Lot certification is shown. A reference to the lot certified shall be indicated (Resolution 197/2004 and 109/2005).






RELATIVE DESIGN & PROPORTIONS OF THE UL MARK FOR ARGENTINA



The minimum height of the registered trademark symbol shall be 3/64 of an inch. When the overall diameter of the UL Mark is less than 3/8 of an inch, the trademark symbol may be omitted if it is not legible to the naked eye.



Differences among models:

	Tipo	Marca	Lote
Conformity Mark			
Tests	Type Tests	Type Tests	Type tests and on samples
Factory Inspection	NO	YES	NO
Market Surveillance	YES, more frequent (each 12 months)	YES, less frequent (each 18 months)	NO



Products under the scope of Resolution 169/18

According to Resolution 169/18, its modifications and Disposition 462/09, the following products will have to be certified only under Mark Certification Model (System No 5):

- 1) Terminals and terminal blocks for electrical connections for DIN RAIL up to and including 10 mm² of section, of all type, like for example passthrough, earthing, neutral, fuseholders and dividers. The terminals and terminal blocks higher than TEN SQUARE MILLIMETRES (10 mm²) and up to TWENTY-FIVE SQUARE MILLIMETRES (25 mm²) of section.
- 2) Electromagnetic ballasts for lamps of gas-discharge lamps.
- 3) Electromagnetic and electronic ballasts for fluorescent lamps.
- 4) Ignitors and starters for discharge lamps
- 5) Starters for fluorescent lamps.
- 6) Lampholders and starters' holders for fluorescent lamps.
- 7) Lampholders for all types of incandescent lamps.
- 8) Lampholders for led lamps..
- 9) Tubing for electrical systems (pipes up to FIFTY AND CENTIMETRES WITH TWO MILLIMETRES (51.2 cm), ducts, cable ducts, cable trays, surface raceways and similar with its accessories).
- 10) Electrical connection boxes, passthrough, derivation and assembly of command and protection devices for rail DIN up to FORTY AND EIGHT (48) poles (modules).
- 11) Transformers for all types of lamps.
- 12) Electronic command and control elements for fixed facilities mounted on supports similar to the ones used for the assembly of switches and the power outlets fulfilling different functions, or combinations of them: controllers or speed regulators of electrical motor devices; warning devices and/or acoustic electronic or electromagnetic signalers; luminous indicators permanent and with a rechargeable battery; protectors of over and low voltage for electrical appliances; motion and/or body heat detectors; time-lagged automatic switches.
- 13) Simple or multiple extension cords.
- 14) Power Cord sets.
- 15) Simple or multiple moveable power-outlets, for residential use.
- 16) Fixed, simple or multiple power outlets, for residential use.
- 17) Plugs for residential use up to and including 20 A.
- 18) Fixed capacitors for direct connection, rated voltage up to 250 Vac, 50/60 Hz, minimum capacity of 1 μ F and maximum power of 2.5 KVA (reactive).
- 19) Cables for fixed installations and flexible cables (supply cords).
- 20) Fuses and fuseholders bases, of exclusive use in fixed installations for residential use and use in buildings' common areas
- 21) Effect switches, pulse switches and inverters up to 20 A mounted for use in fixed electrical systems in buildings.
- 22) Thermomagnetic and differential switches, for DIN RAIL up to 63 A and up to 10,000 A of breaking capacity.
- 23) Insulating tapes for use in electrical installations.
- 24) Incandescent lamps.
- 25) Hallogen Lamps
- 26) Fluorescent lamps with and without built-in ballast.
- 27) Materials for earthing installations
- 28) Electrical equipment for instantaneous water heating for any value of rated power.
- 29) Electrical equipment for water heating by accumulation, for any value of rated power.



- 30) Split air conditioners with capacity up to 6,500 frig/h.
- 31) Compact air conditioner with capacity up to 6,500 frig/h.
- 32) Automatic washing machines with spin function up to 10 kg or 13 kg capacity.
- 33) Automatic washing machines with spin function and incorporated spin-drying system
- 34) Clothes drying machines of up to 10 kg
- 35) Clothes dryers or spin dryers up to 10 kg
- 36) Dishwashers for residential use
- 37) Electricity meters used in fixed installations for residential use and use in buildings' common areas.
- 38) Refrigerator with freezer using separated doors
- 39) Domestic compression type refrigerators
- 40) Horizontal freezers with a capacity up to 800 litres
- 41) Vertical freezers with a capacity up to 900 litres
- 42) Lamp chains or Seasonal lamps
- 43) Handheld irons
- 44) Handheld equipment for skin and hair care
- 45) Heating equipment for rooms and floors, for domestic use
- 46) Vacuum cleaners for domestic use, including wet type
- 47) Floor cleaning equipment
- 48) Ovens, ranges and cookers
- 49) Pans
- 50) Hand and standing bowl mixers for home use
- 51) Multifunction machines for kitchen
- 52) Home use and industrial Fans in all its varieties: table, wall, standing, ceiling and turbo
- 53) Lawn mowers, edge trimmers and blowers
- 54) Television sets
- 55) Television set top boxes
- 56) Microwave ovens
- 57) 1phase asynchronous motors.
- 58) 1phase pumps for clean water, domestic use
- 59) 1phase and 3phase fans

The rest of the products that are liable to mandatory certification established by the Resolution SC No. 169/2018 shall be certified either by Mark Certification Model, Type Certification Model or Lot Certification Model, in accordance with the Resolution SCT N° 197/2004.

This means that manufacturers and importers shall certify the requirements compliance by choosing one of the above mentioned systems.

Certification of product rated less than 50 V

Products rated less than 50 Vac or 75 Vdc that anyway require certification according to Resolution 169/18:

- i) Dichroic and bi-pin lamps (not LED)
- ii) Lampholders for those lamps in i)
- iii) Electric fences

Products out of the scope of the Res.169/18

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- 1- Electrical equipment designed for exclusive use in motor vehicles, ships, aircraft, railways and other means of transport.
- 2- Electrical equipment designed for the exclusive use of the petroleum, nuclear and Aerospace industries.
- 3- Electrical equipment intended to be used in an explosive atmosphere.
- 4- Electrical equipment that must be adjusted to safety regulations established by other competent bodies.
- 5- Electrical equipment for radiology and for medical purposes.
- 6- Lamps of power higher than 1000 W.
- 7- Electrical and electronic equipment and appliances whose consumption exceeds FIVE KILOVOLTAMPERE (5 kVA), with the exception of household appliances.
- 8- Electric power generation equipment and electric motors that exceed the FIVE KILOVOLTAMPERE (5 kVA) of nominal power.
- 9- All electrical and electronic materials and appliances whose nominal current of operation exceeds SIXTYTHREE AMPERE (63 A).
- 10- Electrical equipment entered into the market under the "courier" or shipping mail system in the terms of General Resolutions No. 3915 dated July 24, 2016 and 3916 dated July 25, 2016.
- 11- Electrical equipment that enter the market as a sample, and temporary or in transit imports.

The electrical equipment that is given a professional or suitable use, or that is spare parts or supplies in accordance with these terms, will be exempted from demonstrating compliance with the essential safety requirements through the indicated certificate, and will do so through the presentation, by the manufacturer or the importer, of an affidavit of conformity to the Commercial Loyalty Directorate.

Suitable use is understood to be the use of electrical equipment by a human person who possesses the aptitude and necessary technical knowledge, to use it without causing harm to himself or herself and / or to third parties, and / or property, and provided that the electrical equipment is not available to those who do not possess such aptitude and technical knowledge.

National Differences

The products shall comply with all the requirements included in the Law 22.802 Commerce Loyalty. A summary of these requirements is:

- The supply rating shall include 220 V – 50 Hz
- Test shall be carried out taking into consideration this supply rating
- The network connection plug must be IRAM 2063 for products Class II and IRAM 2073 for products Class I. The plug, cable and coupler set shall be certified in conformance with Resolution 169/18. The supply cable shall comply with Resolution SCI 731/87.
- All warning or safety notes on the product shall be in Spanish. When these bear the standardized symbols or refer to the user's manual, all these references shall be in Spanish in the manual.
- All use or installation instructions in the user's manual that imply risks for the users' safety shall be in Spanish
- The rating plate shall comply with the requirements of the applicable standard. As a reference, the following parameters shall be identified
 - Registered mark or manufacturer
 - Model
 - Voltage, Frequency, Power or current



- The plate shall be in Spanish. However, the following words can be used providing they are not confusing for the user
 - Voltage, Current, Power, Frequency, Model, Serial Number, Input
- The packaging shall contain the following information:
 - Country of origin
 - Manufacturer's data or trademark
- The product shall have the safety mark corresponding with the model under which it was certified.

How to create a Family of Products

Family of Products: group of products that share some technical and production characteristics that let them be under the same certificate.

The technical and production parameters to establish a uniform standard in forming product families are given by the following common characteristics that electrical products must meet:

- 1) Same functionality
- 2) Same functional technology
- 3) Same technical applicable standard
- 4) Same manufacturer
- 5) Same manufacturer factory
- 6) Same input voltage range
- 7) Same class of insulation
- 8) Same distribution and access of parts under voltage that affect the safety
- 9) Same declared IP grade
- 10) Same list of critical components or, in case of differences, explicit statement of the certifying body ensuring equivalence of their functional characteristics applied to the respective product.
- 11) Similar power (within a predetermined range).

Meeting all the mentioned common characteristics is a condition to be included in the same certificate as part of the same product's family.

If the applicable technical standard determines other criteria to configure the family of products, that should also be taken into account.



General Certification Scheme

1. Quoting request - Application for certification

The applicant requests (by mail, fax, phone, letter or personally) the quote for the certification required with the following information as a minimum:

- Scope of certification
- Corporate entity (applicant and certificate holder), name, address and legal status.
- A definition of the products to be certified, the certification system, and the standards against each product is to be certified, if known to the applicant.
- Any other information necessary for product identification, evaluation and certification.

2. Application analysis and preparation for evaluation

The Project Engineer designated by UL Argentina analyzes and approves the application to assure:

- The requirements for certification are clearly defined, documented and understood;
- Any difference in understanding between the certification body and the applicant is resolved;
- UL Argentina has the capability to perform the certification service requested

The Project Engineer confirms the applicable standard and tests plan.

3. Initial Factory Inspection

Mark Certification System includes a Factory inspection, that will be performed by a UL qualified inspector, from the nearest UL Inspection Center. This helps decrease the economic impact for traveling and expenses. The initial factory inspection aim is to determine if the factory is capable of manufacturing the products according to the requirements. The production quality system of the manufacturer is evaluated.

4. Sampling

Once the test plan is confirmed, the sampling of products to be certified and the identification of samples are performed.

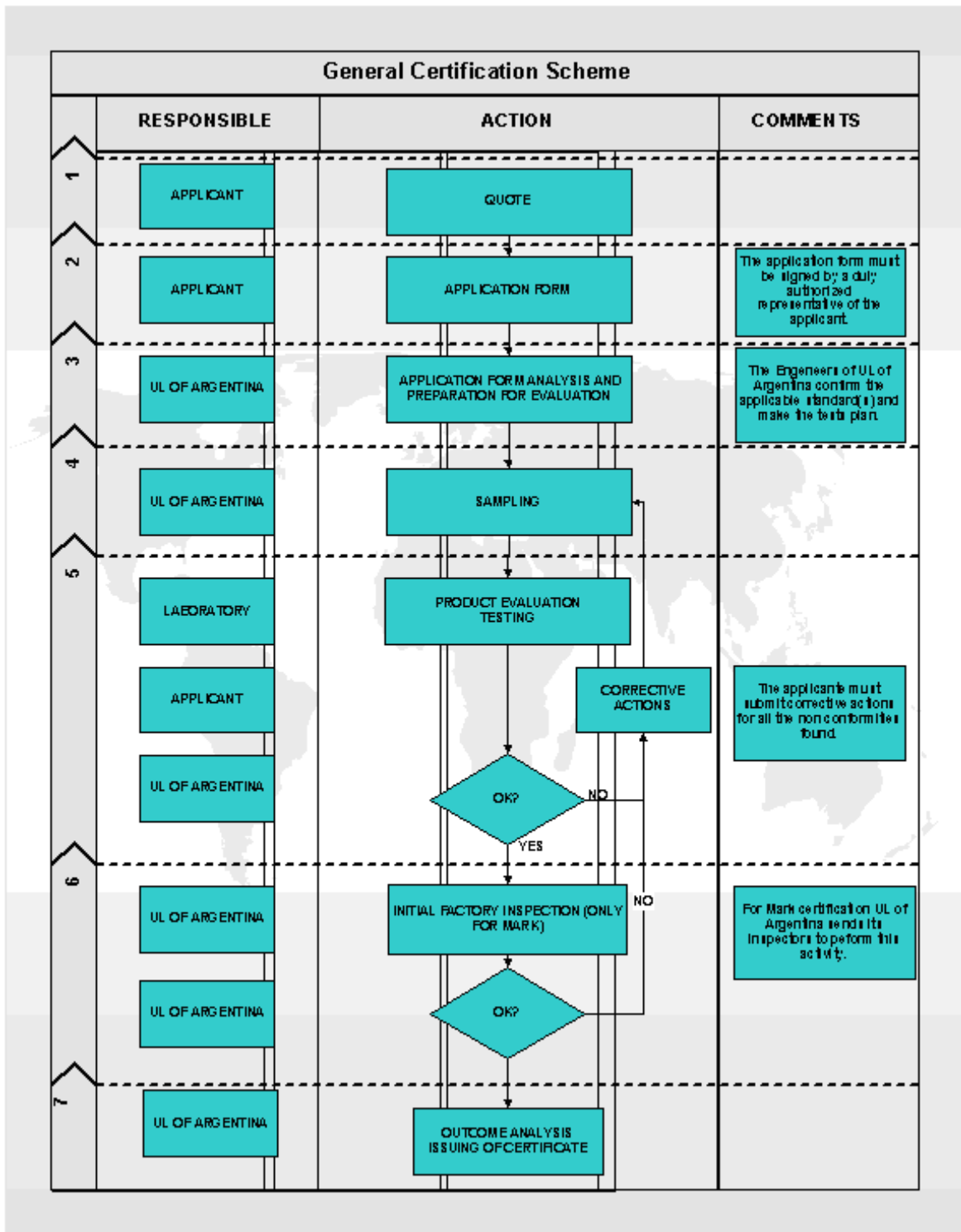
5. Product Evaluation on Laboratory

Tests are made on third party laboratories recognized by the Government and accredited by OAA, or, when this is not possible, on factory laboratories, which comply with minimum requirements and under supervision of UL Argentina.

If any non-conformity is found, the applicant is informed in order to take the corrective actions as necessary.

6. Outcome analysis and issuing of certificate

The Project Engineer analyzes the outcome of the evaluation and if the product complies with the applicable requirements, the Final Report of Evaluation is issued. A qualified reviewer participates on behalf of the certification committee revising all the activities records and taking the final decision of certification.





Certification scheme through Mutual Recognition Agreements

UL Argentina has signed MRAs with UL LLC, UL Demko, UL Brasil, UL Canada and UL Japón, which were validated by the Authorities to be used according to Resolution N° 237/2000. This way it is possible to recognize certifications issued by those Certification Bodies in order to issue local certificates only for Mark Certification Model (System No 5)

Certification Maintenance

In order to keep a certificate issued by UL Argentina active, several activities shall be performed as follows:

Follow-up Inspections

For Mark certification, follow-up inspections are performed to verify the quality control of manufacturer. The aim is to verify that the quality control systems are maintained and improved. During the inspection the inspector will revise, for example, records of the tests and controls performed calibration records.

Annual Fee

For Mark certification, annual documental verifications are performed. This activity is called annual fee and there is a cost associated to it.

Surveillance

The following table lists the requirements:

	Type	Mark
Frequency	Every 12 months after certificate issuance or after the previous surveillance activity.	Every 18 months after certificate issuance or after the previous surveillance activity.
Evaluation	Resolution 169/18 requires testing, on a representative sample of the product family, of the compliance with the essential safety requirements determined by type of product according to the applicable standard. It also includes a verification of basic marking characteristics, current legal provisions, data coincidence with the certificate, and a comparison of components.	
Samples	1 sample representative of the certified product family, or the samples necessary to conduct the Surveillance testing.	



Suspension of certification

UL Argentina will suspend the certification if:

- The surveillance of UL Argentina shows negative results and the corrective actions are not appropriate or effective.
- Modification of certified product, without a previous notification to UL Argentina.
- Modification of manufacturing process that implicates modifications to the certified product, without a previous notification to UL Argentina.
- Inappropriate use of the mark.
- Decrease of certified product quality which impacts on security.
- Change of materials not declared.
- Difficulties on the use or accidents caused by the certified product.
- By common agreement.

A notification of suspension will be sent, indicating the conditions under which it will be closed. UL Argentina will perform an audit, to verify that the causes of suspension have been overcome.

Cancellation of certification

UL Argentina will cancel the certification if:

- There is evidence of critical non-conformity on mark or certification use.
- There is evidence of non-conformity on financial obligations.
- There is evidence of non-conformity to finish a suspension.
- Due to change on standards and non-conformities related to that issue.
- Due to stopping of manufacturing.
- Due to no started surveillance activities
- Due to contract end.
- Due to applicant decision.
- Due to an agreement between the applicant and UL Argentina.

Scope extension of the certification

A scope extension is related to an applicant request. The Project Engineer analyses it to technically sustain the extension. He may require the following:

- An applicant declaration
- Sampling,
- Inspection
- Reduced or completed tests
- Other technical activities that show that the changes requested by the applicant comply with the established requirements of certification.



Rights and Obligations

In order to develop certification activities, both the applicant or future certificate holder and UL de Argentina SRL shall commit themselves through an agreement to perform certain activities. Additionally, both parties shall have certain rights. There is a list of the main rights of the applicant and UL de Argentina SRL. It is understood that an obligation of the applicant shall constitute a right for UL de Argentina SRL, and vice versa.

- When necessary, UL de Argentina SRL shall conduct tests and inspections through subcontracted bodies. Notice shall be given to the applicant when this happens.
- The fees correspond to the activity in Argentina. When such activities involve other parts of the world, UL de Argentina shall quote them based on the local cost of UL's subsidiary at a daily or hourly rate for time and materials, and invoices will be issue locally.
- UL has the right and the obligation of refusing to advise or provide consulting services to the applicant regarding methods to resolve issues that are barriers to the requested certification (as specified in ISO/IEC 17065). So as to avoid keeping any conversation, which can be interpreted as the possibility of providing information of this nature. UL is completely unable to offer advice to their clients.
- With the authority "UL de Argentina" has as owner of its own stamp and administrator of the electrical safety stamp –pursuant to provisions by the Argentine Government–UL de Argentina SRL is enabled to extend or restrain the scope, suspend or cancel the authorization to use the stamps under the particular conditions of each case.
- UL de Argentina SRL shall keep a record of the certificates and stamps issued, and notify the applicant and the Domestic Trade Authority as well.
- UL de Argentina SRL shall give notice in due advance of the effectiveness of any changes to its certification process that imply that the applicant must modify, whether in whole or in part, a product or a product family
- UL de Argentina shall inform immediately to the applicant any case in which the test could result in non-compliances. The applicant could take appropriate corrective actions. After that, only the non-conformity items of the product shall be tested. In the case in which the corrective actions affect other part of the product, other tests can be repeated.
- UL de Argentina will refrain, without the Client's prior authorization in writing, from voluntarily disclosing to third parties secret information obtained by UL Argentina in confidence from the client. UL Argentina will, from time to time, notify the public concerning marketed products that have proved to be, through UL's investigations and tests, extremely dangerous and unsuspectedly hazardous.
- The applicant is entitled to appeal in controversies, file claims on valid technical and legal grounds against any decision by UL de Argentina SRL, at any stage or instance of the certification process.
- The applicant is entitled to make a complaint to UL de Argentina, which will record it and will take the appropriate actions for its satisfaction. UL de Argentina makes available for the applicant a procedure of complaints, appeals and disputes to solve any controversy during the certification process.

The applicant shall:

- The applicant shall keep a record of the claims filed by its clients related to electric safety failures due to low voltage in the products or families under the scope of the granted certification. The applicant shall prove that measures are being taken in relation to such claims. The applicant shall make these records available to UL de Argentina SRL.
- always Comply with the dispositions of the certification program.



- Make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the evaluation, including the provision of documentation for analysis, the access to all the areas, the records (including internal audits), and the personnel for evaluation and resolution of complaints
- Declare that he is certified only under the scope for which it has been certified.
- Do not use UL certification in a way that may discredit UL de Argentina and do not make any false or unauthorized declaration.
- Assure that any certificate or report, or any part of them, is used in an appropriate way. The use of certificates and stamps on product, the packaging, the advertising material, etc. shall be adequate and not confusing. The inappropriate use of stamp or certificate can cause the cancellation of the authorization of stamp or certificate use.
- In case of suspension or cancellation of certification, interrupt the use of all the advertising material, which contains any reference to it, and bring back all the documents about certification required by UL.
- Use the certification only to indicate that the certified products are in conformity with the specific standards.
- Comply with UL requirements when making reference to the product certification on brochures, advertising material, etc.
- The client agrees that UL Argentina, as performing its functions, in accordance with its objects and purposes, does not assume or undertake to discharge any responsibility of the client to any other party or parties. The client recognizes that the opinions and findings of UL Argentina represents its judgment given with the consideration to the necessary limitations of practical operation and in accordance with its objects and purposes, and agrees that UL Argentina does not warrant or guarantee its opinions or that its findings will be recognized or accepted.
- The client agrees on holding UL Argentina unscathed and to defend and indemnify UL Argentina against any loss, expense, liability, or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of any misuse by the client of the S-UL-AR Mark or arising out of any violation by the client of the terms and conditions of this document.
- The client shall establish and maintain a program of production, inspection and tests so as to assure ongoing compliance of the covered product bearing the S-UL-AR Mark with UL Argentina Certification requirements.
- UL Argentina representative shall, at all times during business hours or when the factory or storage facilities are in operation, have free, unannounced, and immediate access to the factories and other facilities wherein the products or any of their components, may be fabricated processed, finished, stored or located in order that such representative may properly performed his functions under the Surveillance Service.
- The client agrees that any sampling, tests, Surveillance Services and any assessments conducted by UL Argentina in connection therewith, is designed to serve only as a check on the means which the client exercises to determine compliance of the products with the Certification Requirements, and that the client is in no way relieved of its responsibility for its products that are subject to the S-UL-AR Mark issued by UL Argentina.
- If the clients default in any of its obligations under this document with UL Argentina, UL Argentina may at its election immediately terminate or suspend, as to any products affected by such default, the right or authority conferred by this document without prejudice to any other rights which UL Argentina may have.
- The rights acquired by the client, according to the present document, shall not be assigned nor acquired by any other person or legal entity without written authorization from UL Argentina.
- Client recognizes that samples of products subjected to UL Argentina's examinations and test program may be lost, damaged or completely destroyed. Client agrees that UL Argentina is not responsible for damage to or loss of submitted samples.



- The client recognizes that many test specified in the certification requirements are inherently hazardous and agrees that UL Argentina neither assumes nor accepts any responsibility for any injury or damage for client's property or personnel that may occur during or as a result of tests.