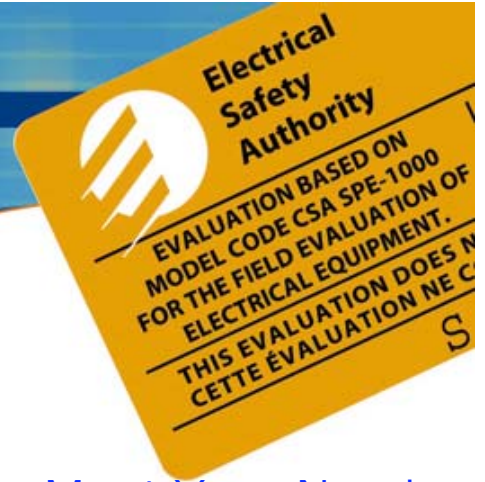


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- ESA's Field Evaluation Service's dedicated Customer Service Centre is located at: **1 Terence Matthews Cres, Suite 130, Ottawa, Ontario, K2M 2G3**. You can reach the Centre to request or to follow-up on Field Evaluation Services by one of the following four methods: Phone **1-800-559-5356**, or Local **(613) 271-1489**; by Fax at **1-800-559-5358**, or Local **(613) 271-6441**; or electronically at field.evaluation@electricalsafety.on.ca. You may also visit our website at www.esapa.biz.
- ESA's Field Evaluation Services Group has received Accreditation from the Standards Council of Canada making our label Nationally Recognized. We also have received acceptance from every Authority Having Jurisdiction in Canada.
- ESA's Field Evaluation Services is also licensed to apply CSA labels that are also nationally recognized.
- ESA's Field Evaluation Services Group offers same day processing on all applications received before 2:00 p.m. – please remember to include your account number on all correspondence and **If your company requires a PO# for payment, please include the Purchase Order Number when submitting your applications.**
- Please continue forwarding your **invoice payments** to the Accounts Receivable Department, PO Box 24143, Pinebush Postal Outlet, Cambridge, Ontario N1R 8E6.

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- **Personalized application forms are available to streamline your requests – contact our Customer Service Centre to have one made for you.**
- ESA's Field Evaluation Services Group is continually growing, with over a thousand requests for inspection every month.
- Inspector Mark McDowell is our newest addition to our dedicated group on the Metro Field Evaluation Team. Mark will be servicing the Barrie and surrounding area and can be reached at 705-790-6521.
- Our Booth at the IAEI Trade show in Collingwood in September was a GREAT success! The winner of our prize of a Portable DVD Player was Ken Weber, Senior Electrical Inspector in the Grey/Bruce area. Visit us at future trade shows.



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New Ontario Electrical Safety Code (OESC) amendments are new legal requirements for Ontario and introduce the "Product Safety" regulation 438/07.

BACKGROUND:

On August 1, 2007 the Ministry of Government Services filed Ontario Regulation 438/07, Product Safety.

This regulation provides ESA with greater ability to deal with the safety of electrical products and equipment sold and used in Ontario.

The new Regulation will improve the electrical safety of equipment in Ontario.

For our FESG customers it will significantly improve and level the playing field for everyone requiring approved equipment.

The new Ontario Regulation 438/07 is called "Product Safety"

Ontario Regulation 438/07 has a lot of detailed information on:

What is defined as "approved"
Prohibition of selling unapproved devices
Suspending approval
Revocation of Field Evaluation Agencies etc.
Reporting serious accidents (includes FESG)
Order requiring notice to the public (includes FESG)
Retaining unapproved equipment

Specifically, Regulation 438/07 will:

- Streamline the approval and revocation processes for electrical products and equipment;
- Expand mandatory reporting requirements for electrical incidents and accidents; and
- Establish a process for notifying consumers, and ordering remedial action when a product is deemed hazardous.

ESA will work with stakeholders to establish operational guidelines to support the implementation of this regulation. These guidelines will address many of the comments received by impacted stakeholders about the need to clarify procedures for revoking product approval, revoking recognition of certification bodies, and ordering corrective actions that would be undertaken to protect public safety and raise public awareness of incidents and product defects.



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Technical Requirements continued

The regulation will be phased in to ensure that ESA and stakeholders have sufficient time to develop technical guidelines to support the regulation.

- On **October 1, 2007** the sections of the regulation that govern approval of electrical products (currently contained in the Ontario Electrical Safety Code) and that allow notice be given to the public of unsafe electrical products come into effect.
- On **January 1, 2008** other sections relating to ESA's investigative and order-making powers will come into effect thereby allowing ESA time to adjust its business practices and enforcement procedures.
- On **July 1, 2008** sections of the regulation requiring organizations to report serious electrical incidents or defects will come into effect, once reporting guidelines and procedures have been finalized.

Stakeholders are invited to take part in the guideline development process. Contact Maria Iafano, Regulatory Affairs Analyst at **905-712-5379** with questions regarding the guideline development process.



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