



California State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin

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New State Fire Marshal's "Fast Track" Listing Process For Fire Alarm Equipment

Under current law, California Health and Safety Code Section 13114 (b), fire alarm and fire alarm devices shall be listed by the SFM prior to marketing in California. To deal with the lengthy listing process that could cause delay in marketing fire alarm equipment in California, Assembly Bill (AB) 2177 was passed and chaptered into law in 2006. As required by AB 2177, the State Fire Marshal (SFM) has formed a workgroup to streamline the SFM listing process. The purpose of this process is to eliminate the time delay that manufacturers endured in the past while waiting for a SFM listing of fire alarm equipments. This process will expedite the SFM listing for fire alarm equipments.

- The new listing process will be implemented effective November 1, 2007.
- The target for completion of the BML expedited process is five business days upon receipt of an application package. We anticipate that some listings may take as much as 10 business days in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- The SFM staff has been working with major National Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs) and an agreement has been reached on the content and form of the NRTL notification of acceptance letter. NRTL will issue a "SFM Listing Certification Letter" upon completion of their listing. Fire alarm manufacturers can submit this letter with their application for SFM listing.
- New submittal for fire alarm listings will be automatically processed under this new "Fast Track" process provided the applicant meets the following:
 1. Completed application and fee are received.
 2. NRTL's Listing Certification Letter included.

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