NSF 487 Electronic Straw Ballot

For approval of criterion x.3 Required – EOL Processing Requirements

Summary

On the December 19, 2019 Joint Committee call, there was a motion to approve criterion x.3 Required – EOL Processing Requirements. JC members asked for additional time to review the proposed modifications. Jennifer Costley stated that approval of the motion would be sent to electronic ballot and open for 3 weeks, given the holidays.

Motion

Jennifer Costley asked for a motion to approve x.3 Required – EOL Processing Requirements with 2 paragraphs on exempt programs stricken.

Motion: Tim Mann
Second: Chris Cleet

Referenced Document: 10-TG EOL Management Submittal DecF2F rev Dec 19 2019

December 19, 2019 JC Meeting Discussion

The Joint Committee continued its discussion of criterion x.3 Required – EOL Processing Requirements. Patty Dillon, TG Chair, explained the status of the criterion. This criterion is very similar across the computer, server, imaging equipment and television standards. At the Dec 3-4 meeting, Dillon walked through the criterion and shared a document that illustrated the differences in this criterion across the standards. A JC member requested that the “exempt programs” language be removed from the criterion. Discussion of this request was deferred to the December 19 call.

The JC member stated his request to remove the “exempt program” language as the listed programs (lease, warranty, trade-in) do not address EOL equipment, and therefore, are not within the scope of product take back. Further, the criterion exempts the programs (1st paragraph), but then places requirements on the “exempt” programs in the 2nd & 3rd paragraphs. Several other JC members supported this request. JC members agreed to keep the first paragraph to avoid future confusion as to what is or isn’t covered in the scope of the criterion, while removing the 2nd two paragraphs.

See below for the referenced paragraphs.
The following programs operated by the manufacturer (or their contractual agent) are exempt from the requirements of this criterion:

— Management of leased products where the manufacturer (or their contractual agent) retains legal ownership.

— Trade-in/exchange programs where the customer surrenders the product to the manufacturer (or their contractual agent) in return for compensation or replacement product.

— Product servicing and/or warranty programs, operated by the manufacturer, or their contractual agent, where a product (or similar product) is returned to a customer.

For the preceding exempted programs, the manufacturer shall provide documentation that addresses the manufacturer's compliance with the legal requirements of importing, exporting and transit countries for transboundary trade to the point of repair or refurbishment.

In addition, manufacturers shall require that any residual equipment and components (including unrepairable equipment/components or equipment/components with no reuse value or market), scrap, and materials derived from equipment that result from these exempted programs are processed by a recycler meeting a) or b) above. Manufacturers shall provide documentation showing how transboundary trade to the certified recycler shall meet the legal requirements of importing, exporting and transit countries. Such equipment/components returned under the exempt program that are under warranty may instead be returned to the original parts supplier.