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## New Service Announcement: Intertek Gains Approval in Florida as an Evaluation Entity

*Intertek's ETL Mark dates back to Thomas Edison's "Electrical Testing Labs" in 1896 and is proof of product compliance to North American safety standards. Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs) across the US and Canada accept the ETL Listed Mark as proof of product safety. Retail buyers accept it on products they're sourcing, and every day, more consumers recognize it on products they purchase as a symbol of safety.*

When the revisions to the Florida law become effective on July 1, 2016, Intertek will be formally added to list of approved evaluation entities for the State of Florida. This action means that Intertek's Code Compliance Research Reports (CCRRs) can now be used to gain Florida Product Approval. While Intertek has previously been able to help customers gain acceptance through one of the other approval methods, being officially added into the law will help to streamline the process.

With the recent revision to the law, Intertek is now qualified to meet the following requirements of Section 553.842, Part (8):

- Subpart (a), as an Evaluation Entity
- Subpart (b), as a Testing Laboratory
- Subpart (c), as a Quality Assurance Entity
- Subpart (d), as a Certification Agency
- Subpart (e), as a Validation Entity

"This is excellent news for Intertek's CCRR customers," says Michael Beaton, P.E., Intertek's Vice President of Building & Construction Certification Services. "The addition of Intertek as an Evaluation Entity allows us to offer our customers a full array of services—from testing to evaluation to inspection—needed to get their product accepted in Florida. This expedites the entire process and makes it easier for customer to do business."

*A revision to Section 553.842 (8)(a) of the 2015 Florida Statutes was signed into law, adding Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., to the list of approved Evaluation Entities. Previously, only IAPMO, ICC Evaluation Service and Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Office Product Control were recognized as Evaluation Entities.*

*Copied from Section 553.842 of the Statute:*

*(8) The commission may adopt rules to approve the following types of entities that produce information on which product approvals are based. All of the following entities, including engineers and architects, must comply with a nationally recognized standard demonstrating independence or no conflict of interest:*  
*(a) Evaluation entities approved pursuant to this paragraph. The commission shall specifically approve the National Evaluation Service, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials Evaluation Service, the International Code Council Evaluation Services, Underwriters Laboratories, LLC, Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., and the Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Office Product Control Division. Architects and engineers licensed in this state are also approved to conduct product evaluations as provided in subsection (5).*

*\*Underline of "Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc." added for emphasis*

### **What are Intertek Code Compliance Research Reports (CCRRs)?**

CCRRs provide the technical information and professional evaluation that building officials rely on to approve a product, component, or method of construction for use in their jurisdiction. Each CCRR is developed under the supervision of a professionally licensed Intertek engineer and is evidence of compliance with the relevant building code, referenced standards, and ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria.

For more information on CCRRs please visit <http://www.intertek.com/building/code-evaluations/>

For more information or to schedule a test, please visit our website at [www.intertek.com/building](http://www.intertek.com/building) or call to speak with one of our staff at 800.WORLD.LAB (800.967.5352).