ADDENDA

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Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems

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FOREWORD

Addendum w permits use of the ventilation airflow rate according to Section 8.9.6 (i.e., the $\sqrt{G}$ equation of Section 8.9.8.1) where explosion-proof electrical equipment is chosen as the compliance path, making ignition source engineering controls the primary means of risk management to mitigate the flammability hazard in machinery room applications employing Class 2L refrigerants, in the same manner as the requirements of Section 8.10 for Class 2 and Class 3 refrigerants. The other compliance path of using ventilation airflow rate according to Section 8.11.11 to mitigate the flammability hazard remains unchanged.

Informative Note: In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~strikethrough~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

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Modify Section 8 as follows. The remainder of Section 8 remains unchanged.

8. INSTALLATION RESTRICTIONS

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8.11 Machinery Room, Special Requirements, A2L and B2L.

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8.11.6 ~~When~~Where any *refrigerant* of Groups A2, A3, B2, or B3 are used, the *machinery room shall* be designated as Class I, Division 2 hazardous (classified) electrical location in accordance with the *National Electric Code*® [4] (NFPA 70). ~~When the only flammable *refrigerants* used are from Group A2L or B2L, the *machinery room shall* comply with both Section 8.11.6.1 for ventilation and Section 8.11.6.2 for *refrigerant* detection, or *shall* be designated as Class I, Division 2 hazardous (classified) electrical location in accordance with the NFPA 70.~~

Where flammable *refrigerants* only from Groups A2L or B2L are used, the *machinery room shall* meet one of the following requirements:

a. Be provided with ventilation per Section 8.11.6.1 and *refrigerant* detection per Section 8.11.6.2.
b. Be designated as Class I, Division 2 hazardous (classified) electrical location in accordance with NFPA 70, and be provided with ventilation per Section 8.9.6 and *refrigerant* detection per Section 8.11.6.2. Compliance to Section 8.11.11 *shall not* be required.

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