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Joel Solis
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Dear Joel,

This is an official letter of commitment by the US Electrical Industry represented in the US by NEMA in support of the attached request to remove the requirements of flexible cords for decorative lighting use from the tri-national standard, NMX-J-436-ANCE/CSA C22.2 No. 49/UL 62: Flexible Cords and Cables.

This proposal was originally proposed by UL. After discussion by the other Standards Developing Organizations (ANCE, CSA, and UL) and by the Technical Harmonization SubCommittee (THSC), all parties agreed this was the best path forward.

A combination of different requirements at the national electrical code level, potentially conflicting requirements for the end-use products, different existing standards (or no standard), and the generally faster innovation cycle for decorative cords all factored into the committee's decision that narrowing the scope of the standard to exclude flexible cords for decorative lighting was best for industry and the SDOs.

A more in-depth explanation on each of the reasons cited above are documented in the [CANENA Project Harmonization Request Form](#).

Questions or concerns should be directed to Khaled.Masri@nema.org.

Best Regards,

Khaled Masri,

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Industry Director
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