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INTRODUCTION

1 Scope

1.1 These requirements cover electric commercial, industrial, and institutional clothes-drying equipment intended for use in accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70. Equipment covered by this Standard is not intended for use by the general public, but only by trained or supervised personnel.

1.2 These requirements do not cover coin-operated clothes-drying equipment, flatirons, ironing machines, water heaters, water softeners, dry-cleaning machines, garment-finishing machines, clothes washers, or other equipment covered by requirements separate from this standard.

1.3 Appliances and field-attached accessories including those that utilize some other source of energy – such as gas or steam– in addition to electric energy are investigated under these requirements and under such additional requirements as are applicable to the appliance under consideration.

2 References

2.1 Any undated reference to a code or standard appearing in the requirements of this standard shall be interpreted as referring to the latest edition of that code or standard.

2.2 In the following text, a requirement that applies only to a specific class of equipment is so identified by a specific reference in that requirement to the class or classes of appliances involved. Absence of such specific reference or use of the term appliance indicates that the requirement applies to all classes of appliances unless the context indicates otherwise.

2.3 In the following text, a specific requirement pertaining to a particular appliance takes precedence over a corresponding requirement specified as being applicable to all appliances.

3 Glossary

3.1 APPLIANCE, AUTOMATIC – An appliance is considered to be automatically controlled under one or more of the following conditions:

a) If repeated starting of the appliance, beyond one complete predetermined cycle of operation, to the point where some form of limit switch opens the circuit is independent of any manual control.

b) If, during any single predetermined cycle of operation, the motor is caused to stop and restart one or more times.

c) If, upon energizing the appliance, the initial starting of the motor may be intentionally delayed beyond normal, conventional starting.

d) If, during any single predetermined cycle of operation, automatic changing of the mechanical load may reduce the motor speed sufficiently to reestablish starting-winding connections to the supply circuit.

3.2 APPLIANCE, RECESSED – An appliance intended to:

a) Be supported by the floor, and

b) Sit immediately adjacent to a wall in the rear or to sit immediately adjacent to a wall, a cabinet, or another appliance on each side.

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