

ASHRAE/ARI AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL COOPERATION IN STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

This supersedes the agreement of 26 December 1993.

A. ARI/ASHRAE Relationship in Standards Development

ASHRAE and ARI each recognizes the other's areas of competence and authority and encourages cooperation in the fields of standards activity common to both organizations. In writing standards, each organization will consider whether certain parts would be more properly handled by the other; will establish whether the other wishes to take active part; and will cooperate with each other and other groups to avoid conflict or overlap between standards.

B. Method of Test Standards

In general, ASHRAE will accept responsibility for writing method of test (MOT) standards.

1. ARI will notify the ASHRAE Manager of Standards when ARI first identifies the need to develop a rating standard that needs a Method of Test (MOT).
2. If ASHRAE does not have an MOT that meets ARI's needs or does not wish to write the required MOT, ASHRAE staff will suggest to appropriate persons in ASHRAE that they may wish to participate in ARI's development of the MOT.
3. ARI will announce the proposed standards development meeting dates; send out announcements, agendas and meeting minutes as normal. Names and addresses provided by ASHRAE will be sent meeting notices and agendas. Those who attend meetings will receive minutes and drafts. Minutes and drafts will also be sent to the ASHRAE Manager of Standards.
4. ARI voting procedures remain unchanged; ARI committee members are the only voting members, but all in attendance will have a voice. ARI will take reasonable measures to assure that ASHRAE members, who also represent ARI members, are on the committee.
5. Once the MOT is accepted by vote of the ARI committee developing the rating standard, the standard with the MOT proceeds through a product section vote and General Standards Committee vote according to ARI procedures. When the ARI standard is distributed for canvass ballot approval as an American National Standard, ASHRAE staff or their designated member(s) will be included in the canvass.

6. When ASHRAE adopts the ARI-requested MOT or otherwise develops an MOT that meets ARI needs and that MOT is ANSI approved, ARI will at the first opportunity, remove the ARI MOT from its rating standard and will reference the ASHRAE MOT standard.

The above procedures should insure that ARI rating standards will not be delayed due to lack of an ASHRAE MOT standard, but that when ASHRAE adopts a MOT standard that meets ARI's needs, ARI will reference the ASHRAE MOT in the ARI rating standards.

C. Rating Standards

In general, ARI will accept responsibility for writing rating standards.

1. In cases where ASHRAE is developing a standard for a product within ARI's scope, the following procedures will be followed.
 - a. ASHRAE will notify ARI when ASHRAE first identifies the need to develop a MOT that needs a rating standard.
 - b. If ARI does not have a rating standard that meets ASHRAE's needs or does not wish to write the required rating standard, the ASHRAE Standard or Guideline Project Committee (PC) may be instructed to include rating provisions.
 - c. ASHRAE will announce the proposed standards development meeting dates, send out announcements, agendas and meeting minutes as normal. Names and addresses provided by ARI will be sent meeting notices and agendas. Those who attend meetings will receive minutes and drafts. Minutes and drafts will also be sent to the ARI staff.
 - d. ASHRAE procedures remain unchanged. ASHRAE will take reasonable measures to assure that ASHRAE members, who also represent ARI members are on the committee.
 - e. When ARI adopts a rating standard, ASHRAE will at the first opportunity, remove the ASHRAE rating standard from its MOT and will reference the ARI rating standard.

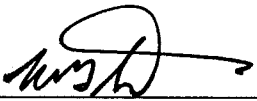
The above procedures should insure that an ASHRAE MOT will not be delayed due to lack of an ARI rating standard, but that when ARI adopts a rating standard that meets ASHRAE's needs, ASHRAE will reference the ARI rating standard in the ASHRAE MOT.

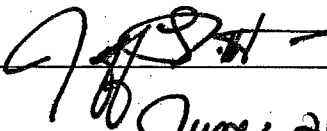
2. In cases where ASHRAE has a standard for a product that subsequently becomes a part of ARI's scope and if the ASHRAE standard contains rating conditions, the following shall apply.

- a. ARI will notify the ASHRAE Manager of Standards when ARI first identifies the need to develop a rating standard. ASHRAE staff will suggest to appropriate persons in ASHRAE that they may wish to participate in ARI's development of the rating standard.
- b. Once the rating standard is accepted according to ARI procedures, it will be distributed for ANSI canvass ballot and ASHRAE will be included in the canvass.
- c. Upon ANSI approval of the ARI standard, the rating provisions shall be dropped from the ASHRAE Standard.

D. ASHRAE/ARI Joint National Adoptions of ISO Standards

American National Standards (ANS's) proposed for adoption from ISO Standards, which combine MOT and rating standards in one document, shall be jointly sponsored by ARI and ASHRAE, unless either organization declines to sponsor the ANS.

Signature: 
Date: JUNE 17, 2005
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Date: June 21, 2005
For ASHRAE