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## COVID-19 – Updates for Audits and Declarations of Compliance

### Distributor Company Awareness

This bulletin provides information regarding how to address the Audit and Declaration of Compliance (DoC) requirements of Regulation 22/04, while there is a COVID-19 outbreak.

### ESA Direction

ESA is extending the due dates for the current round of Audits and Declarations of Compliance for Electrical Distributors in Groups 1 & 2, by two (2) months in response to the outbreak. The due dates for the Groups are as follows.

- Group 1 – July 31, 2020
- Group 2 – July 31, 2020
- Group 3 – July 31, 2020

If the Distributor believes that further timeline extensions or other alternative arrangements should be considered, please send a detailed request to [Utility.Regulations@electricalsafety.on.ca](mailto:Utility.Regulations@electricalsafety.on.ca). After the review, ESA will provide a written response to the request.

### ESA Recommends

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, ESA is taking additional precautionary measures to support social distancing. ESA recommends Auditors and Distributors discuss the feasibility of Remote Audits, as ESA will accept Remote Audits, under the current circumstance. ESA has communicated with the ESA Auditors and determined that Remote Audits can be effectively performed.

### Additional Information

Information requests and follow-up may be directed to ESA at [Utility.Regulations@ElectricalSafety.on.ca](mailto:Utility.Regulations@ElectricalSafety.on.ca). For questions on this bulletin please be prepared to quote Bulletin “DB-03/20”.