

Proposal Number: 2021-OA-007

Rule 68-072

Description of Change: Clarify existing Ontario Amendment to reflect ESA direction published on bulletin 68-7-14 (October 2019)

Submitted by: Electrical Safety Authority

Background:

This proposed change intends to address some confusion as terminology in Rule 68-072 appears contradictory as it requires a disconnect means within sight of the equipment and then permitted it behind a barrier which was then not within sight.

Rationale

The main intent of this 2018 Ontario Amendment was to allow access to disconnecting means for an outdoor pool, hot tub or spa without requiring access to the inside of a building. This is primarily an issue for service technicians and homeowners at dwellings. ESA published clarification to this requirement in bulletin 68-7-14 item 8 back in October 2019. The proposed wording change clarifies this intent to align with the intent.

Proposed Change:

Modify current Ontario Amendment to Rule 68-072

Add Rule 68-072 as follows:

68-072 Maintenance disconnecting means *for pool pumps, spas, and hot tubs* (see Appendix B)

A disconnecting means rated to interrupt the connected load shall be *provided for a pool pump, spa, and hot tub, and shall be*

a) readily accessible;

b) *within sight of its equipment located outdoors when the equipment is located outside of a dwelling; and*

c) *located not closer than 1.5 m from the inside walls of the pool, spa, or hot tub unless behind a permanent barrier that will prevent the occupant of the pool, spa, or hot tub from contacting the device; and*

d) *lockable capable of being locked in the open position when not within sight of its the equipment*