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### **UL and P.E.P Association Announce Mutual Recognition of Environmental Declarations to Help Manufacturers Access to Global Markets**

**Paris, EU, July 11, 2018** – Today, UL and the P.E.P Association (Product Environmental Profile) announced a mutual recognition agreement between the two organizations' environmental certification programs for electrical, electronic and HVAC-R (heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, refrigeration) products.

Under this agreement, manufacturers that have earned an independent third-party verified PEP ecopassport® declaration may also be granted use of UL's Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) Mark without undergoing additional confirmation and be listed on UL's [SPOT®](#) database. Both programs are designed to provide an international reference framework to determine the environmental impact of products throughout their life-cycle, and both require verification that is conducted in accordance with international standards for type III environmental declarations and life cycle assessment, including ISO 14025, 14040 and 14044.

“Upon comparing the two programs' rigorous requirements, we agreed that mutual recognition would benefit both manufacturers and buyers. UL is excited to partner with the P.E.P Association in a move toward our ultimate goal of harmonizing global environmental standards that make it easier for manufacturers to create products with reduced environmental impact,” said Giuseppe Barisan, general manager for UL's Environment division in Europe.

“We believe that manufacturers of HVAC-R, electrical, and electronic equipment will benefit from access to two labels that are recognized internationally to communicate their compelling environmental accomplishments to buyers in different marketplaces,” said Bertrand Hugoo, president of P.E.P Association.

Manufacturers of products like wires and cabling, heating, air conditioning and lighting equipment, self-contained emergency lighting systems and ventilation and air treatment equipment can benefit from this program and signal with either or both labels that they are delivering high quality product environmental impact information to market.

For more information about UL's Environmental Product Declaration program visit [UL.com/EPD](http://UL.com/EPD). For more information about UL's SPOT® database visit [UL.com/SPOT](http://UL.com/SPOT).

Or to learn more about the PEP ecopassport® Program, go to [www.pep-ecopassport.org](http://www.pep-ecopassport.org).

### **About UL**

UL fosters safe living and working conditions for people everywhere through the application of science to solve safety, security and sustainability challenges. The UL Mark engenders trust enabling the safe adoption of innovative new products and technologies. Everyone at UL shares a passion to make the world a safer place. We test, inspect, audit, certify, validate, verify, advise and train and we support these efforts with software solutions for safety and sustainability. To learn more about us, visit [UL.com](http://UL.com) and connect with us via [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#).

### **About UL Environment**

UL Environment works to advance global sustainability, environmental health, and safety by supporting the growth and development of environmentally preferable products, services, and organizations. We help companies achieve their sustainability goals—and help purchasers, specifiers, retailers, governments, and consumers find products they can trust. UL Environment offers environmental claim validations, multi-attribute product certifications, environmental product declarations, indoor air quality certification, product emissions testing, organizational sustainability certification, and consulting. For more information, visit [ul.com/environment](http://ul.com/environment), and connect with us via [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), or [Facebook](#).

### **About P.E.P Association**

The PEP ecopassport® Program was initiated by professional organizations involving international industrial groups. The PEP ecopassport® Program provides an international reference framework and procedures for HVAC-R, electrical and electronic equipment manufacturers to support their communication on the environmental characteristics of their products through Environmental Product Declarations entitled Product Environmental Profile (PEP).

The P.E.P Association is an association under the 1901 French law. It developed the PEP ecopassport® Program and is responsible for the management of its framework and governance, including procedures and pool of accredited verifiers.

For more informations about the PEP ecopassport® Program, go to [www.pep-ecopassport.org](http://www.pep-ecopassport.org).