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Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural and Proximity Firefighting, Work Apparel and Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services, and Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)

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Reference: 4.1.7, 4.1.8, 4.1.9, 5.2.1(new), 5.2.2, 5.2.3(new), 5.2.4(new) and 5.2.5(new)

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- 1. Delete paragraphs 4.1.7, 4.1.8 and 4.1.9 as follows:
 - **4.1.7** The certification organization shall not issue any new certifications based on the following standards on or after the NFPA effective date of the 2024 edition of NFPA 1970:
 - 1. 2018 edition of NFPA 1971
 - 2019 edition of NFPA 1975
 - 3.—2019 edition of NFPA 1981
 - 4. 2018 edition of NFPA 1982
 - **4.1.8** The certification organization shall not permit any manufacturer to continue to label any products that are certified as compliant with the 2018 edition of NFPA 1971, the 2019 edition of NFPA 1975, the 2019 edition of NFPA 1981, or the 2018 edition of NFPA 1982 on the effective date of the 2024 edition of NFPA 1970, plus 18 months.
 - **4.1.9** The certification organization shall require manufacturers to remove all certification labels and product labels indicating compliance with the 2018 edition of NFPA 1971, the 2019 edition of NFPA 1975, the 2019 edition of NFPA 1981, or the 2018 edition of NFPA 1982 from all products that are under the control of the manufacturer on the effective date of the 2024 edition of NFPA 1970, plus 18 months, and the certification organization shall verify that this action is taken.
- 2. Add a new paragraph 5.2.1, delete paragraph 5.2.2 and also add new paragraphs 5.2.3 through 5.2.5 as follows and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:
 - 5.2.1 The process of certification for structural and proximity ensembles as being compliant with Chapters 5 through 9 of this standard shall meet the requirements of Sections 4.1 through 4.9.
 - **5.2.1 5.2.2** All compliant products that are labeled as being compliant with Chapters 5 through 9 of this standard shall meet or exceed all applicable requirements specified in Chapters 5 through 9 and shall be certified.
 - **5.2.2** The respiratory protection shall be a specific model self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) that is certified as compliant with Chapters 15 through 19 of this standard.
 - 5.2.3 The certification organization shall not issue any new certifications based on the 2018 edition of NFPA 1971 after the NFPA effective date of the 2024 edition of NFPA 1970.
 - 5.2.4 The certification organization shall not permit any manufacturer to continue to label any products that are certified as compliant with the 2018 edition of NFPA 1971 on the effective date of the 2024 edition of NFPA 1970, plus 12 months.
 - 5.2.5 The certification organization shall require manufacturers to remove all certification labels and product labels indicating compliance with the 2018 edition of NFPA 1971 from all products that are under the control of the manufacturer on the effective date of the 2024 edition of NFPA 1970, plus 12 months, and the certification organization shall verify that this action is taken.

Substantiation: Within the NFPA 1971 certification chapter, there was no requirement to conform with the requirements of 4.1 through 4.9, this is being added back into the requirements.

The existing 5.2.2 is being removed since this refers to respiratory protection and should not be included within the certification chapter for NFPA 1971 ensembles.

Sections 4.1.7, 4.1.8, and 4.1.9 are being deleted. This TIA inserts the implementation time for protective ensembles for structural and proximity firefighting into Chapter 5. The implementation times for work apparel, SCBA, and PASS devices are being inserted into Chapters 10, 15, and 20, respectively, which are under the purview of different technical committees.

During the revision process, the implementation time was updated to reflect that the certification of products to the 2024 edition of NFPA 1970 must occur within 18 months from the standard being issued. This timeline was increased from the historical 12 months due several other PPE and Emergency Response documents updating to that timeline. However, due to the significant changes being made to the ensemble chapters (NFPA 1971 and NFPA 1975), there is a need to reduce the implementation time to 12 months so that new products are made available to the industry in a shorter timeframe which will positively impact the health and safety of the fire service. In order to reduce the timeline for two of the NFPA standards, the requirement had to be moved into those individual certification chapters.

Emergency Nature: The proposed TIA intends to offer to the public a benefit that would lessen a recognized (known) hazard or ameliorate a continuing dangerous condition or situation.

This amendment reduces the timeline for certification to the new standard so that the new technologies become available to the fire service within a shorter amount of time.

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