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INTRODUCTION

1 Scope

1.1 These requirements cover fixed and location-dedicated electric room heating equipment rated 600 volts or less to be employed in ordinary locations in accordance with the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70.

1.2 These requirements do not cover movable heaters, wall- or ceiling-hung heaters, baseboard heaters, duct heaters, central-heating furnaces, fan-coil units, panel- or cable-type radiant-heating equipment, electric boilers, or any other electric heating equipment or appliances that are covered in or as a part of separate, individual requirements.

2 Glossary

2.1 For the purpose of this Standard, the following definitions apply.

2.2 **APPLIANCE COUPLER** – A single-outlet, female contact device for attachment to a flexible cord as part of a detachable power-supply cord to be connected to an appliance inlet (motor attachment plug).

2.3 **APPLIANCE INLET (Motor Attachment Plug)** – A male contact device mounted on an end product appliance to provide an integral blade configuration for the connection of an appliance coupler or cord connector.

2.4 **APPLIANCE (FLATIRON) PLUG** – An appliance coupler type of device having a cord guard and a slot configuration specified for use with heating or cooking appliances.

2.5 **CEILING SURFACE-MOUNTED HEATER** – A heater that is permanently attached and mounted directly to a ceiling surface in such a manner that tools are necessary for its removal.

2.6 **COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL HEATER** – Any heater that is either:

- a) Rated 2 kilowatts or greater and marked as a commercial/industrial heater in accordance with [59.16](#),
- b) Rated greater than 250 volts,
- c) A polyphase heater, or
- d) Rated greater than 6 kilowatts.

2.7 **COMPONENT** – A device or fabricated part of the appliance covered by the scope of a safety standard dedicated to the purpose. When incorporated in an appliance, equipment otherwise typically field installed (e.g. luminaire) is considered to be a component. Unless otherwise specified, materials that compose a device or fabricated part, such as thermoplastic or copper, are not considered components.

2.8 **CORD CONNECTOR** – A female contact device wired on flexible cord for use as an extension from an outlet to make a detachable electrical connection to an attachment plug or, as an appliance coupler, to an equipment inlet.

2.9 **CONTROL CIRCUIT** – A circuit that carries the electric signals directing the performance of a controller which, in turn, governs power delivered to a motor or other load. A control circuit does not carry the main power current.