**GUIDELINES FOR ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION OF INTEREST CLASSIFICATIONS FOR NFPA**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

NFPA Technical Committees requiring additional clarification for any of the nine traditional interest classifications must obtain approval by the NFPA Standards Council using this form. This additional clarification can only be used to compliment or further clarify the *Base Definitions* to assist with appointment of Technical Committee members. Additional clarification cannot contradict its respective *Base Definition*, and they must maintain the separate interest class of the various Technical Committee members so that situations of dominance do not occur.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:** Fire and Emergency Services Protective Clothing and Equipment (FAE-AAC and TCs in this Project)

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| C                       | **Consumer**  
  *Base Definition:* A person who is/or represents the ultimate purchaser of a product, system, or service affected by the standard, but who is not identified as a User.  
  *Additional Clarification:* Individuals who are the “end users” of programs, systems, or equipment that are covered by the standards. Persons who do not develop, implement, or manage programs, activities, or projects, but who are the direct objectives of such efforts. Examples: Line fire fighters and line fire officers, or their equivalents in emergency service organizations, who conduct the day-to-day emergency operations functions of the fire department or emergency service organization; organizations representing such persons and who are concerned with “end user” interests and safety such as organizations representing volunteers, or regional or state/provincial fire fighter associations. |
| E                       | **Enforcing Authority**  
  *Base Definition:* A representative of an agency or an organization that promulgates and/or enforces standards.  
  *Additional Clarification:* Individuals who represent an office or organization that enforces the requirements of standards either through voluntary adoption or legal adoption of an NFPA standard. Examples: Federal OSHA (or equivalent), state/provincial OSHA (or equivalent), state/provincial agencies regulating fire or emergency services, other federal/state/provincial departments or agencies who regulate fire or emergency services, the fire chief, the head of an emergency service organization, organizations representing fire chiefs or emergency services organization head. |
| I                       | **Insurance**  
  *Base Definition:* A representative of an insurance company, broker, agent, bureau, or inspection agency.  
  *Additional Clarification:* |
| IM                      | **Installer/Maintainer**  
  *Base Definition:* A representative of an entity that is in the business of installing or maintaining a product, assembly, or system affected by the standard.  
  *Additional Clarification:* |
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| L |  | **Base Definition:** A labor representative or employee concerned with safety in the workplace.

**Additional Clarification:** Individuals who represent international, national, state/provincial, regional, or local organized labor groups that represent fire department or emergency services personnel who are subject to the programs, systems, or equipment required by the standards. Examples: IAFF, other national/state/provincial/regional labor organizations, fire department or emergency service organization local labor group.

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| M |  | **Base Definition:** A representative of a maker or marketer of a product, assembly, or system, or portion thereof that is affected by the standard.

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| RT |  | **Base Definition:** A representative of an independent testing laboratory or independent applied research organization that promulgates and/or enforces standards.

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| SE |  | **Base Definition:** A person not identified by another interest classification, and who has special expertise in the scope of the standard or portion thereof.

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| U |  | **Base Definition:** A representative of an entity that is subject to the provisions of the standard or that voluntarily uses the standard.

**Additional Clarification:** Individuals who use standards to implement programs, develop purchase specifications, manage fire department or emergency service organization activities or projects, etc. Examples: Middle managers such as chief officers (other than the fire chief) or other staff officers (or equivalents), organizations representing such persons.

Date Approved by the NFPA Standards Council: N/A

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