Notice of the Approval of a Provisional Amendment by the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) in accordance with Annex B of ANSI Essential Requirements

In accordance with Annex B of ANSI Essential Requirements: Due process requirements for American National Standards, the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) Standards Consensus Committee (SCC), consensus voting body, has approved the Provisional Amendment (PA) to ANSI/APSP/ICC-16 2017 (PA) American National Standard for Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies (SOFA) for Use in Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs with an approval and effective date of March 19, 2021.

The PHTA Standards Consensus Committee (SCC) voted to revise language pertaining to suction outlet fitting assemblies testing for packaged aboveground/onground storable pool sets in ANSI/APSP/ICC-16 2017. A rule issued by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) on August 18, 2020, states that drain covers manufactured on or after May 24, 2021, must comply with ANSI/APSP/ICC-16 2017 to provide minimum guidelines for testing, product-marking requirements, installation and maintenance instructions. The unique circumstances involving the distribution of storable pool integral SOFAs were not addressed in the ANSI/APSP/ICC-16 2017 standard. The PA language was also approved by the PHTA-4 Standard Writing Committee (SWC) for Aboveground/Onground Residential Swimming Pools, PHTA-16 SWC for Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies (SOFA) for Use in Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs and PHTA Technical Committee.

PHTA's Provisional Amendment was processed in accordance with Annex B Procedures for the Development of a Provisional American National Standard (ANS) or a Provisional Amendment to an ANS. PHTA has complied with the requirements in Annex B of ANSI Essential Requirements related to a Provisional Amendment and PHTA's Procedures for American National Standards (ANS).

Copies of the ANSI/APSP/ICC-16 2017 (PA) American National Standard for Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies (SOFA) for Use in Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs, which includes the Provisional Amendment approved on March 19, 2021, may be obtained from the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, 2111 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314. Interested parties may contact 703-838-0083 or email standards@phta.org.