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ALLIANCE**



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.