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Public Notice of the Development of a Provisional Amendment by the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) in accordance with ANNEX B.1.1 of [ANSI Essential Requirements](#).

In accordance with Annex B: *Procedures for the Development of a Provisional American National Standard (ANS) or a Provisional Amendment to an ANS* of the *ANSI Essential Requirements*, PHTA is preparing a Provisional Amendment to address the unique circumstances involving the distribution of storable pool integral Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies (SOFAs) not addressed in the [ANSI/APSP/ICC-16 2017 American National Standard for Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies \(SOFA\) for Use in Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs](#) safety standard. A suction outlet fitting assemblies testing issue exists for packaged aboveground/onground storable pool sets relating to ANSI/APSP/ICC-16 2017.

A rule issued by the United States 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.

ADD New Section 1.2.7

1.2.7 Storable Pool Integral SOFA – A Storable Pool is constructed on or above the ground; capable of holding water; with flexible/nonrigid walls that achieve their structural integrity by means of uniform shape, support frame or a combination thereof; and can be disassembled for storage or relocation. A Storable Pool is supplied as a kit by the manufacturer and includes a storable pool pump, piping, and installed Integral SOFA intended only for the pool kit.

Revise Section 5.6

5.6 Self-Contained Spa SOFA or Storable Pool Integral SOFA Mounting Surface, Test Position, and Piping

Revise Section 5.6.1

5.6.1 Test assembly. Self-contained spa SOFAs or Storable Pool Integral SOFA shall be installed in pairs on the SOFA mounting surface using 14 ft. ± 1 ft. (4267 mm ± 305 mm) of flexible PVC hose in accordance with Figure 14.

Update Figure 14: Self-contained spa SOFA or Storable Pool Integral SOFA

Revise Section 5.6.2

5.6.2 Multiple pipe sizes. When more than one size of hose/pipe is specified by the self-contained spa or Storable Pool Integral SOFA manufacturer's product specifications or installation instructions, each size of hose shall be tested.

ADD New Section 8.1.4

8.1.4 Storable Pool Integral SOFA. This type of cover/grate shall be marked with "For Use in Storable Pool Only".

ADD New Section 8.6 & 8.6.1

8.6 Equivalent Markings for Storable Pool Integral SOFA

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The certification agency that certifies the Storable Pool Integral SOFA shall apply the applicable markings to the SOFA in conformance with Sections 8.1 through 8.3 only.

Revise Section 9.8.1

9.8.1 Required tag or label. Excluding Storable Pool Integral SOFA products, each manufactured cover/ grate shall include a removal tag or affixed label stating the following:

Once the Provisional Amendment is approved, the appropriate sections of the [American National Standard for Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies \(SOFA\) for Use in Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs](#) will be updated and the standard will be identified as ANSI/APSP/ICC-16 (PA). PHTA agrees to comply with all of the requirements in Annex B of the ANSI *Essential Requirements* related to a Provisional Amendment.

This Provisional Amendment is intended to ensure the prompt dissemination of safety criteria. Following approval, copies of the Provisional Amendment, may be obtained from PHTA at 2111 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314. Contact the PHTA Standards Department at standards@phta.org or PHTA Senior Director of Standards Susan J. Hilaski at (703) 838-0083 x150 or by e-mail shilaski@phta.org.