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Distribution: ALL LICENSED ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

On July 1st, 2010, Ontario's "Harmonized Sales Tax" (HST) will become effective. However, Ontario's Ministry of Revenue has developed transitional rules for GST/HST charged during the period of **May 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010**.

The following defines how the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) is adhering to these rules:

PLEASE NOTE: Applications, including on-line applications, received at the Customer Service Centre after 4:30 PM on any given day are deemed to be received the next business day.

WIRING APPLICATIONS

- All new wiring installations or additions/alterations to existing structures will be charged:
 - 1) 13% HST starting **June 14, 2010** for inspection applications with a value greater than \$ 250.00. (received at the CSC after 4:30 pm on June 11, 2010)
 - 2) 13% HST starting **June 28, 2010** for inspection applications with a value up to and including \$ 250.00. (received at the CSC after 4:30 pm on June 25, 2010)
- General Inspections including Fire Marshall Orders will be charged the 13% HST starting July 1, 2010. (received at the CSC after 4:30 pm on June 30, 2010)

CONTRACTOR and MASTER ELECTRICIAN LICENSING

- 1) All Licenses, Late Filing Fees, Fee for Replacing a License, and Fee for Notice of Violation are subject to:
 - 5% GST if payment is received by ESA on or before 4:30PM June 30, 2010.
 - 13% HST on or after July 1, 2010. (received after 4:30 pm on June 30, 2010)
- 2) Master Electrician Examination Fee, and Pre-Master's Course Fee are subject to:
 - 5% GST if examination or course is scheduled **before July 1, 2010**.
 - 13% HST if payment is received **after April 30, 2010** for examination or course scheduled after June 30, 2010.
- 3) Fee for Rescheduling a Master Electrician Examination is subject to:
 - 5% GST if reschedule request is received on or before June 30, 2010.
 - 13% HST if reschedule request is received on or after July 1, 2010.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACTOR PROGRAM (ACP)

A separate communication on the impact of HST on ACP membership renewal fees between May 1, 2010 and June 30, 2010 will be forwarded directly to members. Please contact the ACP office at 1-800-249-4583 for more information.

For more information, please refer to our website www.esafe.com. For clarification on Wiring and Contractor Licensing rules, please speak to a Customer Service Representative by calling 1-877-372-7233.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to address the HST transitional rules.

THE ELECTRICAL SAFETY AUTHORITY