



# ADDENDA

**ANSI/ASHRAE Addendum o to  
ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 15-2019**

# Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems

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*Addendum o clarifies the intent and requirement for notification.*

**Note:** In this addendum, changes to the current standard are indicated in the text by underlining (for additions) and ~~striketrough~~ (for deletions) unless the instructions specifically mention some other means of indicating the changes.

## Addendum o to Standard 15-2019

*Modify Section 5.3.1 as shown.*

## 5. REFRIGERATING SYSTEM CLASSIFICATION

[ ... ]

**5.3.1\*** The owner or the owner's authorized agent shall be notified prior to making a change of refrigerant, and the change of refrigerant shall not be made where the owner objects to the change. ~~The change of refrigerant shall be approved by the owner.~~

*Modify Informative Appendix A as shown. The remainder of Informative Appendix A is unchanged. (Note: This addendum reflects changes previously made by published Addendum f to Standard 15-2019. Addendum f can be downloaded from the ASHRAE website at <https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/standards-and-guidelines/standards-addenda>)*

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Sections of the standard with associated explanatory information in this appendix are marked with an asterisk "\*" after the section number, ~~and the associated appendix information is located in a corresponding section number preceded by "A".~~

[ ... ]

### **Section 5.3.1**

The intent of notifying the owner or owner's agent is to ensure that the owner of the building is aware of the change and can address any consequences to the building or occupancy that might be tied to the change of refrigerant. The owner notification can be made by the designer, contractor, installer, or any other party involved in the proposed refrigerant change.

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