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Product safety for US and Canada confirmed for additional BrainAmp devices

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We proudly announce that the BrainAmp, BrainAmp MR plus and BrainAmp ExG MR amplifiers and the PowerSupply PS6 widerange have successfully passed the safety tests mandatory for US and Canada markets. They now bear the “CSA” label as shown above.

These three products join the BrainAmp MR amplifier, the USB Adapter and the PowerPack (rechargeable battery), which were CSA certified some years ago. The “CSA” stamp, correctly called the NRTL mark (1), allows owners of our systems in markets such as the US and Canada to provide evidence of electrical and electromagnetic safety at a glance.

Our customers overseas can prove to inspectors from UL (Underwriter Laboratories) or OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Organization) that their devices are safe just by showing the CSA stamp attached to the housing of each device.

Both the USA and Canada rigorously monitor companies and institutions on respect of safety at work to avoid incidents and fire alarms.

Although in Europe our devices are tested to IEC 60601 standards (electrical currents, electromagnetic behavior), many countries

have additional statutory requirements. Delivering “CE marked” devices to the Americas is insufficient to satisfy all the demands of the regulatory authorities – there are differences in national legislation with regard to detailed proof of safety, documentation, labeling and even the size of characters used for warnings, and these regulations are enforced very strictly.

When applying for a CSA label, foreign manufacturers must undergo expensive tests and the final test reports and certificates are released by the US authority only. After CSA certification, our production processes are carefully checked by NRTL inspectors twice a year – ensuring consistently high quality production.

Even though complying with these very strict rules is a time-consuming and expensive process, we are more than happy to do so.

We care very much about the safety of the people who use our products in the field and the ability to display a CSA label on our products is an excellent way of demonstrating this commitment to our customers. ●

(1) NRTL = Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories, part of OSHA's Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management.