

facturers of the same class of product may have their products evaluated for safety in the same way. Wherever it is practical to do so, the standards are based upon and designed to implement the advisory codes of the American Boat and Yacht Council, Inc., the National Fire Protection Association, and the regulations of the United States Coast Guard.

All standards are developed with the cooperation of representative manufacturers. The requirements are based on sound engineering principles, research, field experience, records of tests, and on consultations with manufacturers, users, inspection authorities, the United States Coast Guard, and others having special training or experience. They are subject to revision as changes are made in advisory codes or regulations, or as additional experience and investigation indicate.

Established Bureau standards are available on request without charge to interested manufacturers.

Test Reports

At the conclusion of any tests undertaken pursuant to an application, the submitter is advised of the findings. If these disclose objectionable features they are discussed only with him for they must be corrected and revised samples found acceptable before listing and labeling can be recommended. When the results of the investigation are such as to warrant a recommendation for listing, a complete report is prepared. It is reviewed with the manufacturer and submitted to the Bureau's Operations Committee for approval.

Additional copies of test reports are available to submitters at cost.

Listing And Labeling

Listing of a product, with its related privilege of the use of the Bureau's label, means that production samples of it have been evaluated and found acceptable under the Bureau's requirements for the class. Listing is an expression of the Bureau's good faith opinion, based on tests, that the item meets minimum applicable safety standards. It is not a warranty of quality or performance, nor are listed products of the same class necessarily equivalent in quality, performance, or merit.

Product listings are currently promulgated on printed cards. Copies of these cards are furnished to the sponsoring underwriter members;