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Conformity Assessment Procedures (Annexes III to IX of the ATEX Directive)

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PART 1

TYPE EXAMINATION

1. Type examination is the part of a conformity assessment procedure in which an approved body examines the technical design of a product and verifies and attests that the technical design of the product meets the requirements of these Regulations that apply to it.

2. Type examination shall be carried out with the examination of a specimen, representative of the production envisaged, of the complete product (production type).

3. The manufacturer shall lodge an application for Type examination with a single approved body of his choice.

The application shall include:

- (a) the name and address of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name and address as well,
- (b) a written declaration that the same application has not been lodged with any other approved body,
- (c) the technical documentation. The technical documentation shall make it possible to assess the product's conformity with the applicable requirements of these Regulations and shall include an adequate analysis and assessment of the risk(s). The technical documentation shall specify the applicable requirements and cover, as far as relevant for the assessment, the design, manufacture and operation of the product. The technical documentation shall contain at least the following elements:
 - (i) a general description of the product,
 - (ii) conceptual design and manufacturing drawings and schemes of components, sub-assemblies, circuits, etc.,
 - (iii) descriptions and explanations necessary for the understanding of those drawings and schemes and the operation of the product,
 - (iv) a list of the designated standards applied in full or in part and, where those designated standards have not been applied, descriptions of the solutions adopted to meet the essential health and safety requirements of these Regulations, including a list of other relevant technical specifications applied. In the event of partly applied designated standards, the technical documentation shall specify the parts which have been applied,
 - (v) results of design calculations made, examinations carried out, etc., and
 - (vi) test reports,
- (d) the specimens representative of the production envisaged. The approved body may request further specimens if needed for carrying out the test programme.

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4. The approved body shall:

4.1. examine the technical documentation, verify that the specimen(s) have been manufactured in conformity with the technical documentation, and identify the elements which have been designed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the relevant designated standards, as well as the elements which have been designed in accordance with other relevant technical specifications;

4.2. carry out appropriate examinations and tests, or have them carried out, to check whether, where the manufacturer has chosen to apply the solutions in the relevant designated standards, these have been applied correctly;

4.3. carry out appropriate examinations and tests, or have them carried out, to check whether, where the solutions in the relevant designated standards have not been applied, the solutions adopted by the manufacturer applying other relevant technical specifications meet the corresponding essential health and safety requirements of these Regulations;

4.4. agree with the manufacturer on a location where the examinations and tests will be carried out.

5. The approved body shall draw up an evaluation report that records the activities undertaken in accordance with paragraph 4 and their outcomes. Without prejudice to its obligations vis-à-vis the Secretary of State, the approved body shall release the content of that report, in full or in part, only with the agreement of the manufacturer.

6. Where the type meets the requirements of these Regulations that apply to the product concerned, the approved body shall issue a Type examination certificate to the manufacturer. That certificate shall contain the name and address of the manufacturer, the conclusions of the examination, the conditions (if any) for its validity and the necessary data for identification of the approved type. The Type examination certificate may have one or more annexes attached.

The Type examination certificate and its annexes shall contain all relevant information to allow the conformity of manufactured products with the examined type to be evaluated and to allow for in-service control.

Where the type does not satisfy the applicable requirements of these Regulations, the approved body shall refuse to issue a Type examination certificate and shall inform the applicant accordingly, giving detailed reasons for its refusal.

7. The approved body shall keep itself apprised of any changes in the generally acknowledged state of the art which indicate that the approved type may no longer comply with the applicable requirements of these Regulations and shall determine whether such changes require further investigation. If so, the approved body shall inform the manufacturer accordingly.

The manufacturer shall inform the approved body that holds the technical documentation relating to the Type examination certificate of all modifications to the approved type that may affect the conformity of the product with the essential health and safety requirements of these Regulations or the conditions for validity of that certificate. Such modifications shall require additional approval in the form of an addition to the original Type examination certificate.

8. Each approved body shall inform the Secretary of State concerning the Type examination certificates and/or any additions thereto which it has issued or withdrawn, and shall, periodically or upon request, make available to the Secretary of State the list of such certificates and/or any additions thereto refused, suspended or otherwise restricted.

Each approved body shall inform the other approved bodies concerning the Type examination certificates and/or any additions thereto which it has refused, withdrawn, suspended or otherwise restricted, and, upon request, concerning such certificates and/or additions thereto which it has issued.

The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland may, on request, obtain a copy of the Type examination certificates and/or additions thereto. On request, The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland may obtain a copy of the technical documentation and the results of the examinations carried out by the approved body. The approved body shall keep a copy of the Type examination certificate, its annexes and additions, as well as the technical file including the documentation submitted by the manufacturer, until the expiry of the validity of that certificate.

9. The manufacturer shall keep a copy of the Type examination certificate, its annexes and additions together with the technical documentation at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the product has been placed on the market.

10. The manufacturer's authorised representative may lodge the application referred to in paragraph 3 and fulfil the obligations set out in paragraphs 7 and 9, provided that they are specified in the mandate.

PART 2

CONFORMITY TO TYPE BASED ON QUALITY ASSURANCE OF THE PRODUCTION PROCESS

1. Conformity to type based on quality assurance of the production process is the part of a conformity assessment procedure whereby the manufacturer fulfils the obligations laid down in paragraphs 2 and 5, and ensures and declares on his sole responsibility that the products concerned are in conformity with the type described in the Type examination certificate and satisfy the requirements of these Regulations that apply to them.

Manufacturing

2. The manufacturer shall operate an approved quality system for production, final product inspection and testing of the products concerned as specified in paragraph 3 and shall be subject to surveillance as specified in paragraph 4.

Quality system

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3.1. The manufacturer shall lodge an application for assessment of his quality system with the approved body of his choice, for the products concerned.

The application shall include:

- (a) the name and address of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name and address as well,
- (b) a written declaration that the same application has not been lodged with any other approved body,
- (c) all relevant information for the product category envisaged,
- (d) the documentation concerning the quality system,
- (e) the technical documentation of the approved type and a copy of the Type examination certificate.

3.2. The quality system shall ensure that the products are in conformity with the type described in the Type examination certificate and comply with the requirements of these Regulations that apply to them.

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All the elements, requirements and provisions adopted by the manufacturer shall be documented in a systematic and orderly manner in the form of written policies, procedures and instructions. The quality system documentation shall permit a consistent interpretation of the quality programmes, plans, manuals and records.

It shall, in particular, contain an adequate description of:

- (a) the quality objectives and the organisational structure, responsibilities and powers of the management with regard to product quality,
- (b) the corresponding manufacturing, quality control and quality assurance techniques, processes and systematic actions that will be used,
- (c) the examinations and tests that will be carried out before, during and after manufacture, and the frequency with which they will be carried out,
- (d) the quality records, such as inspection reports and test data, calibration data, qualification reports on the personnel concerned, etc., and
- (e) the means of monitoring the achievement of the required product quality and the effective operation of the quality system.

3.3. The approved body shall assess the quality system to determine whether it satisfies the requirements referred to in paragraph 3.2.

It shall presume conformity with those requirements in respect of the elements of the quality system that comply with the corresponding specifications of the relevant designated standard.

In addition to experience in quality management systems, the auditing team shall have at least one member with experience of evaluation in the relevant product field and product technology concerned, and knowledge of the applicable requirements of these Regulations. The audit shall include an assessment visit to the manufacturer's premises. The auditing team shall review the technical documentation referred to in paragraph 3.1(e) to verify the manufacturer's ability to identify the relevant requirements of these Regulations and to carry out the necessary examinations with a view to ensuring compliance of the product with those requirements.

The decision shall be notified to the manufacturer. The notification shall contain the conclusions of the audit and the reasoned assessment decision.

3.4. The manufacturer shall undertake to fulfil the obligations arising out of the quality system as approved and to maintain it so that it remains adequate and efficient.

3.5. The manufacturer shall keep the approved body that has approved the quality system informed of any intended change to the quality system.

The approved body shall evaluate any proposed changes and decide whether the modified quality system will continue to satisfy the requirements referred to in paragraph 3.2 or whether a reassessment is necessary.

It shall notify the manufacturer of its decision. The notification shall contain the conclusions of the examination and the reasoned assessment decision.

Surveillance under the responsibility of the approved body

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4.1. The purpose of surveillance is to make sure that the manufacturer duly fulfils the obligations arising out of the approved quality system.

4.2. The manufacturer shall, for assessment purposes, allow the approved body access to the manufacture, inspection, testing and storage sites and shall provide it with all necessary information, in particular:

- (a) the quality system documentation,
- (b) the quality records, such as inspection reports and test data, calibration data, qualification reports on the personnel concerned, etc.

4.3. The approved body shall carry out periodic audits to make sure that the manufacturer maintains and applies the quality system and shall provide the manufacturer with an audit report.

4.4. In addition, the approved body may pay unexpected visits to the manufacturer. During such visits the approved body may, if necessary, carry out product tests, or have them carried out, in order to verify that the quality system is functioning correctly. The approved body shall provide the manufacturer with a visit report and, if tests have been carried out, with a test report.

UK marking, declaration of conformity and attestation of conformity

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5.1. The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking and, under the responsibility of the approved body referred to in paragraph 3.1, the latter's identification number to each individual product other than a component that is in conformity with the type described in the Type examination certificate and satisfies the applicable requirements of these Regulations.

5.2. The manufacturer shall draw up a written declaration of conformity for each product model, other than a component and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the product other than a component has been placed on the market. The declaration of conformity shall identify such product model for which it has been drawn up.

A copy of the declaration of conformity shall accompany every product, other than a component.

5.3. The manufacturer shall draw up a written attestation of conformity for each component model and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the component has been placed on the market. The attestation of conformity shall identify the component model for which it has been drawn up. A copy of the attestation of conformity shall accompany every component.

6. The manufacturer shall, for a period ending 10 years after the product has been placed on the market, keep at the disposal of the national authorities:

- (a) the documentation referred to in paragraph 3.1,
- (b) the information relating to the change referred to in paragraph 3.5, as approved,
- (c) the decisions and reports of the approved body referred to in paragraphs 3.5, 4.3 and 4.4.

7. Each approved body shall inform the Secretary of State of quality system approvals issued or withdrawn, and shall, periodically or upon request, make available to the Secretary of State the list of quality system approvals refused, suspended or otherwise restricted.

Each approved body shall inform the other approved bodies of quality system approvals which it has refused, suspended, withdrawn or otherwise restricted, and, upon request, of quality system approvals which it has issued.

Authorised representative

8. The manufacturer's obligations set out in paragraphs 3.1, 3.5, 5 and 6 may be fulfilled by his authorised representative, on his behalf and under his responsibility, provided that they are specified in the mandate.

PART 3

CONFORMITY TO TYPE BASED ON PRODUCT VERIFICATION

1. Conformity to type based on product verification is the part of a conformity assessment procedure whereby the manufacturer fulfils the obligations laid down in paragraphs 2 and 5 and ensures and declares on his sole responsibility that the products concerned, which have been subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, are in conformity with the type described in the Type examination certificate and satisfy the requirements of these Regulations that apply to them.

Manufacturing

2. The manufacturer shall take all measures necessary so that the manufacturing process and its monitoring ensure conformity of the manufactured products with the approved type described in the Type examination certificate and with the requirements of these Regulations that apply to them.

Verification

3. An approved body chosen by the manufacturer shall carry out appropriate examinations and tests in order to check the conformity of the products with the approved type described in the Type examination certificate and with the appropriate requirements of these Regulations.

The examinations and tests to check the conformity of the products with the appropriate requirements shall be carried out by examination and testing of every product as specified in paragraph 4.

Verification of conformity by examination and testing of every product

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4.1. All products shall be individually examined, and appropriate tests set out in the relevant designated standard(s) and/or equivalent tests set out in other relevant technical specifications, shall be carried out in order to verify conformity with the approved type described in the Type examination certificate and with the appropriate requirements of these Regulations.

In the absence of such a designated standard, the approved body concerned shall decide on the appropriate tests to be carried out.

4.2. The approved body shall issue a certificate of conformity in respect of the examinations and tests carried out and shall affix its identification number to each approved product or have it affixed under its responsibility.

The manufacturer shall keep the certificates of conformity available for inspection by the national authorities for 10 years after the product has been placed on the market.

UK marking, declaration of conformity and attestation of conformity

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5.1. The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking and, under the responsibility of the approved body referred to in paragraph 3, the latter's identification number to each individual product other than a component that is in conformity with the approved type described in the Type examination certificate and satisfies the applicable requirements of these Regulations.

5.2. The manufacturer shall draw up a written declaration of conformity for each product model other than a component and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities, for 10 years after the product, other than a component, has been placed on the market. The declaration of conformity shall identify such product model for which it has been drawn up.

A copy of the declaration of conformity shall accompany every product other than a component.

5.3. The manufacturer shall draw up a written attestation of conformity for each component model and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the component has been placed on the market. The attestation of conformity shall identify the component model for which it has been drawn up. A copy of the attestation of conformity shall accompany every component.

If the approved body referred to in paragraph 3 agrees and under its responsibility, the manufacturer may also affix the approved body's identification number to the products other than components.

6. If the approved body agrees and under its responsibility, the manufacturer may affix the approved body's identification number to the products during the manufacturing process.

Authorised representative

7. The manufacturer's obligations may be fulfilled by his authorised representative, on his behalf and under his responsibility, provided that they are specified in the mandate. An authorised representative may not fulfil the manufacturer's obligations set out in paragraph 2.

PART 4

CONFORMITY TO TYPE BASED ON INTERNAL PRODUCTION CONTROL PLUS SUPERVISED PRODUCT TESTING

1. Conformity to type based on internal production control plus supervised product testing is the part of a conformity assessment procedure whereby the manufacturer fulfils the obligations laid down in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, and ensures and declares on his sole responsibility that the products concerned are in conformity with the type described in the Type examination certificate and satisfy the requirements of these Regulations that apply to them.

Manufacturing

2. The manufacturer shall take all measures necessary so that the manufacturing process and its monitoring ensure conformity of the manufactured products with the type described in the Type examination certificate and with the requirements of these Regulations that apply to them.

Product checks

3. For each individual product manufactured one or more tests on one or more specific aspects of the product shall be carried out by the manufacturer or on his behalf, in order to verify conformity with the type described in the Type examination certificate and with the corresponding requirements of these Regulations. The tests shall be carried out under the responsibility of an approved body, chosen by the manufacturer.

The manufacturer shall, under the responsibility of the approved body, affix the approved body's identification number during the manufacturing process.

UK marking, declaration of conformity and attestation of conformity

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4.1. The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking to each individual product other than a component that is in conformity with the type described in the Type examination certificate and satisfies the applicable requirements of these Regulations.

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4.2. The manufacturer shall draw up a written declaration of conformity for a product model other than a component and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the product, other than a component has been placed on the market. The declaration of conformity shall identify such product model for which it has been drawn up.

A copy of the declaration of conformity shall accompany every product, other than a component.

4.3. The manufacturer shall draw up a written attestation of conformity for each component model and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the component has been placed on the market. The attestation of conformity shall identify the component model for which it has been drawn up. A copy of the attestation of conformity shall accompany every component.

Authorised representative

5. The manufacturer's obligations set out in paragraph 4 may be fulfilled by his authorised representative, on his behalf and under his responsibility, provided that they are specified in the mandate.

PART 5

CONFORMITY TO TYPE BASED ON PRODUCT QUALITY ASSURANCE

1. Conformity to type based on product quality assurance is that part of a conformity assessment procedure whereby the manufacturer fulfils the obligations laid down in paragraphs 2 and 5 and ensures and declares on his sole responsibility that the products concerned are in conformity with the type described in the Type examination certificate and satisfy the requirements of these Regulations that apply to them.

Manufacturing

2. The manufacturer shall operate an approved quality system for final product inspection and testing of the products concerned as specified in paragraph 3 and shall be subject to surveillance as specified in paragraph 4.

Quality System

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3.1. The manufacturer shall lodge an application for assessment of his quality system with the approved body of his choice, for the products concerned.

The application shall include:

- (a) the name and address of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name and address as well
- (b) a written declaration that the same application has not been lodged with any other approved body,
- (c) all relevant information for the product category envisaged,
- (d) the documentation concerning the quality system, and
- (e) the technical documentation of the approved type and a copy of the Type examination certificate.

3.2. The quality system shall ensure compliance of the products with the type described in the Type examination certificate and with the applicable requirements of these Regulations.

All the elements, requirements and provisions adopted by the manufacturer shall be documented in a systematic and orderly manner in the form of written policies, procedures and instructions. The quality system documentation shall permit a consistent interpretation of the quality programmes, plans, manuals and records.

It shall, in particular, contain an adequate description of:

- (a) the quality objectives and the organisational structure, responsibilities and powers of the management with regard to product quality,
- (b) the examinations and tests that will be carried out after manufacture,
- (c) the quality records, such as inspection reports and test data, calibration data, qualification reports on the personnel concerned, etc.,
- (d) the means of monitoring the effective operation of the quality system.

3.3. The approved body shall assess the quality system to determine whether it satisfies the requirements referred to in paragraph 3.2.

It shall presume conformity with those requirements in respect of the elements of the quality system that comply with the corresponding specifications of the relevant designated standard.

In addition to experience in quality management systems, the auditing team shall have at least one member with experience of evaluation in the relevant product field and product technology concerned, and knowledge of the applicable requirements of these Regulations. The audit shall include an assessment visit to the manufacturer's premises. The auditing team shall review the technical documentation referred to in paragraph 3.1(e) in order to verify the manufacturer's ability to identify the relevant requirements of these Regulations and to carry out the necessary examinations with a view to ensuring compliance of the product with those requirements.

The decision shall be notified to the manufacturer. The notification shall contain the conclusions of the audit and the reasoned assessment decision.

3.4. The manufacturer shall undertake to fulfil the obligations arising out of the quality system as approved and to maintain it so that it remains adequate and efficient.

3.5. The manufacturer shall keep the approved body that has approved the quality system informed of any intended change to the quality system.

The approved body shall evaluate any proposed changes and decide whether the modified quality system will continue to satisfy the requirements referred to in paragraph 3.2 or whether a reassessment is necessary.

It shall notify the manufacturer of its decision. The notification shall contain the conclusions of the examination and the reasoned assessment decision.

Surveillance under the responsibility of the approved body

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4.1. The purpose of surveillance is to make sure that the manufacturer duly fulfils the obligations arising out of the approved quality system.

4.2. The manufacturer shall, for assessment purposes, allow the approved body access to the manufacture, inspection, testing and storage sites and shall provide it with all necessary information, in particular:

- (a) the quality system documentation,
- (b) the quality records, such as inspection reports and test data, calibration data, qualification reports on the personnel concerned, etc.

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4.3. The approved body shall carry out periodic audits to make sure that the manufacturer maintains and applies the quality system and shall provide the manufacturer with an audit report.

4.4. In addition, the approved body may pay unexpected visits to the manufacturer. During such visits the approved body may, if necessary, carry out product tests, or have them carried out, in order to verify that the quality system is functioning correctly. The approved body shall provide the manufacturer with a visit report and, if tests have been carried out, with a test report.

UK marking, declaration of conformity and attestation of conformity

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5.1. The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking and, under the responsibility of the approved body referred to in paragraph 3.1, the latter's identification number to each individual product other than a component that is in conformity with the type described in the Type examination certificate and satisfies the applicable requirements of these Regulations.

5.2. The manufacturer shall draw up a written declaration of conformity for each product model, other than a component and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the product other than a component has been placed on the market. The declaration of conformity shall identify such product model for which it has been drawn up.

A copy of the declaration of conformity shall accompany every product other than a component.

5.3. The manufacturer shall draw up a written attestation of conformity for each component model and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the component has been placed on the market. The attestation of conformity shall identify the component model for which it has been drawn up. A copy of the attestation of conformity shall accompany every component.

6. The manufacturer shall, for a period ending 10 years after the product has been placed on the market, keep at the disposal of the national authorities:

- (a) the documentation referred to in paragraph 3.1,
- (b) the information relating to the change referred to in paragraph 3.5, as approved,
- (c) the decisions and reports of the approved body referred to in paragraphs 3.5, 4.3 and 4.4.

7. Each approved body shall inform the Secretary of State of quality system approvals issued or withdrawn, and shall, periodically or upon request, make available to the Secretary of State the list of quality system approvals refused, suspended or otherwise restricted.

Each approved body shall inform the other approved bodies of quality system approvals which it has refused, suspended or withdrawn, and, upon request, of quality system approvals which it has issued.

Authorised representative

8. The manufacturer's obligations set out in paragraphs 3.1, 3.5, 5 and 6 may be fulfilled by his authorised representative, on his behalf and under his responsibility, provided that they are specified in the mandate.

PART 6

INTERNAL PRODUCTION CONTROL

1. Internal production control is the conformity assessment procedure whereby the manufacturer fulfils the obligations laid down in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, and ensures and declares on his sole responsibility that the products concerned satisfy the requirements of these Regulations that apply to them.

Technical documentation

2. The manufacturer shall establish the technical documentation. The documentation shall make it possible to assess the product's conformity to the relevant requirements and shall include an adequate analysis and assessment of the risk(s).

The technical documentation shall specify the applicable requirements and cover, as far as relevant for the assessment, the design, manufacture and operation of the product. The technical documentation shall contain at least the following elements:

- (a) a general description of the product,
- (b) conceptual design and manufacturing drawings and schemes of components, sub-assemblies, circuits, etc.
- (c) descriptions and explanations necessary for the understanding of those drawings and schemes and the operation of the product,
- (d) a list of the designated standards applied in full or in part and, where those designated standards have not been applied, descriptions of the solutions adopted to meet the essential health and safety requirements of these Regulations, including a list of other relevant technical specifications applied. In the event of partly applied designated standards, the technical documentation shall specify the parts which have been applied,
- (e) results of design calculations made, examinations carried out, etc., and
- (f) test reports.

Manufacturing

3. The manufacturer shall take all measures necessary so that the manufacturing process and its monitoring ensure compliance of the manufactured products with the technical documentation referred to in paragraph 2 and with the requirements of these Regulations that apply to them.

UK marking, declaration of conformity and attestation of conformity

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4.1. The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking to each individual product other than a component that satisfies the applicable requirements of these Regulations.

4.2. The manufacturer shall draw up a written declaration of conformity for a product model other than a component and keep it together with the technical documentation at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the product, other than a component, has been placed on the market. The declaration of conformity shall identify such product model for which it has been drawn up.

A copy of the declaration of conformity shall accompany every product other than a component.

4.3. The manufacturer shall draw up a written attestation of conformity for each component model and keep it together with the technical documentation at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the component has been placed on the market. The attestation of conformity shall identify the component for which it has been drawn up. A copy of the attestation of conformity shall accompany every component.

Authorised representative

5. The manufacturer's obligations set out in paragraph 4 may be fulfilled by his authorised representative, on his behalf and under his responsibility, provided that they are specified in the mandate.

PART 7

CONFORMITY BASED ON UNIT VERIFICATION

1. Conformity based on unit verification is the conformity assessment procedure whereby the manufacturer fulfils the obligations laid down in paragraphs 2, 3 and 5, and ensures and declares on his sole responsibility that the product concerned, which has been subject to the provisions of paragraph 4, is in conformity with the requirements of these Regulations that apply to it.

Technical documentation

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2.1. The manufacturer shall establish the technical documentation and make it available to the approved body referred to in paragraph 4. The documentation shall make it possible to assess the product's conformity with the relevant requirements and shall include an adequate analysis and assessment of the risk(s). The technical documentation shall specify the applicable requirements and cover, as far as relevant for the assessment, the design, manufacture and operation of the product. The technical documentation shall contain at least the following elements:

- (a) a general description of the product,
- (b) conceptual design and manufacturing drawings and schemes of components, sub-assemblies, circuits, etc.,
- (c) descriptions and explanations necessary for the understanding of those drawings and schemes and the operation of the product,
- (d) a list of the designated standards applied in full or in part and, where those designated standards have not been applied, descriptions of the solutions adopted to meet the essential health and safety requirements of these Regulations, including a list of other relevant technical specifications applied. In the event of partly applied designated standards, the technical documentation shall specify the parts which have been applied,
- (e) results of design calculations made, examinations carried out, etc., and
- (f) test reports.

2.2. The manufacturer shall keep the technical documentation at the disposal of the relevant national authorities for 10 years after the product has been placed on the market.

Manufacturing

3. The manufacturer shall take all measures necessary so that the manufacturing process and its monitoring ensure conformity of the manufactured product with the applicable requirements of these Regulations.

Verification

4. An approved body chosen by the manufacturer shall carry out appropriate examinations and tests, set out in the relevant designated standards and/or equivalent tests set out in other relevant technical specifications, to check the conformity of the product with the applicable requirements of these Regulations, or have them carried out. In the absence of such a designated standard the approved body concerned shall decide on the appropriate tests to be carried out.

The approved body shall issue a certificate of conformity in respect of the examinations and tests carried out and shall affix its identification number to the approved product, or have it affixed under its responsibility.

The manufacturer shall keep the certificates of conformity at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the product has been placed on the market.

UK marking, declaration of conformity and attestation of conformity

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5.1. The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking and, under the responsibility of the approved body referred to in paragraph 4, the latter's identification number to each product other than a component that satisfies the applicable requirements of these Regulations.

5.2. The manufacturer shall draw up a written declaration of conformity and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the product, other than a component has been placed on the market. The declaration of conformity shall identify such product for which it has been drawn up.

A copy of the declaration of conformity shall accompany every product, other than a component.

5.3. The manufacturer shall draw up a written attestation of conformity and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities for 10 years after the component has been placed on the market. The attestation of conformity shall identify the component for which it has been drawn up. A copy of the attestation of conformity shall accompany every component.

Authorised representative

6. The manufacturer's obligations set out in paragraphs 2.2 and 5 may be fulfilled by his authorised representative, on his behalf and under his responsibility, provided that they are specified in the mandate.]

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