

SCHEDULE 2

NOTIFIED BODIES

PART 2

FUNCTIONS

Assessment of applications for certificates or notifications

9.—(1) Subject to paragraph 10, a notified body shall assess an application made by a manufacturer for the issue of—

- (a) a certificate of conformity;
- (b) a design or type examination certificate; or
- (c) a notification of approval of manufacturer's quality system,

in accordance with the Annex applicable to the relevant conformity assessment procedure in respect of a measuring instrument.

(2) In determining such an application, the notified body—

- (a) shall have regard to the actual or usual environment of the measuring instrument; and
- (b) may have regard to any other standard or other technical criteria appearing to it to be relevant.

(3) Where, in the opinion of the notified body, the measuring instrument to which an application relates is compliant with the essential requirements, it shall issue a certificate or notification which is in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 12.

(4) Where, in the opinion of the notified body, the measuring instrument to which an application relates is not compliant with the essential requirements, it shall issue a notice to the applicant in accordance with paragraph 15.

(5) Where a certificate or notification under sub-paragraph (3) is issued by a notified body other than the Secretary of State, it shall send a copy to the designating authority from which it obtained its designation under regulation 4.

Limitations on duties to exercise functions

10.—(1) A notified body shall not accept an application for a certificate or notification in respect of a measuring instrument unless the application—

- (a) is in writing, in English or another language acceptable to that notified body;
- (b) is accompanied by all relevant documentation, in which all writing is in English or another language acceptable to that notified body; and
- (c) includes particulars of which applicable standards the manufacturer has applied or proposes to apply in respect of the instrument.

(2) A notified body shall not be required to determine an application for a certificate or notification where the manufacturer has not—

- (a) granted the notified body access to an instrument to which the application relates or the production facilities for the instrument (including where applicable the production facilities envisaged in relation to a representative instrument) to the extent that the notified body reasonably requests; and

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- (b) made available to the notified body such information as it may reasonably require to determine the application.
- (3) A notified body shall not be required to carry out the functions referred to in regulation 4(4)
- (d) if—
 - (a) the person making the application has not submitted with the application the amount of the fee which the notified body requires to be submitted with the application pursuant to regulation 8; or
 - (b) the notified body reasonably believes that, having regard to the number of applications made to it pursuant to its designation which are outstanding, it will be unable to commence the required work within three months of receiving the application.

Contractors

- 11.—**(1) A notified body may, in exercising its functions—
- (a) arrange for some other person to carry out any test, assessment or inspection on its behalf; or
 - (b) require the applicant to satisfy another person with respect of any matter at the applicant's expense.
- (2) But nothing in sub-paragraph (1) authorises a notified body to rely on the opinion of another person with regard to whether a measuring instrument is compliant with any of the essential requirements.
- (3) Nothing in these Regulations shall preclude a person referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (1)(b) from charging any fee in respect of any work undertaken by him in pursuance of those sub-paragraphs.

Form of certificates or notifications

- 12.—**(1) A certificate or notification issued by a notified body shall be in writing and, in addition to the requirements provided for in the conformity assessment procedure, shall—
- (a) be in English;
 - (b) give the name and address—
 - (i) of the applicant;
 - (ii) where the applicant is not the manufacturer, of the manufacturer;
 - (c) be signed by or on behalf of the notified body and give the identification number of the notified body.;
 - (d) bear—
 - (i) the date of issue; and
 - (ii) the number of the certificate or notification;
 - (e) give particulars of the relevant measuring instrument (where applicable, in relation to each variant) to which it relates sufficient to identify it, and shall state whether the measuring instrument to which it relates is a single item or a representative, or if it covers a number of variants of that instrument; and
 - (f) certify that the measuring instrument to which it relates is compliant with the essential requirements.

Conditions of certificates or notifications

13.—(1) A certificate or notification may be unconditional or may be subject to such conditions as the notified body considers appropriate.

(2) Such conditions may include—

(a) a limitation on the environment for which the measuring instrument is stated to be suitable; or

(b) a requirement that the measuring instrument is only to be installed at a specific site.

(3) The conditions imposed pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) may be varied in accordance with paragraph 15 by the notified body which issued the certificate or notification and such a variation may include the imposition of new conditions or the removal of conditions.

Withdrawal of certificates or notifications

14.—(1) The notified body which issued the certificate or notification shall withdraw that certificate or notification in accordance with paragraph 15, if it appears that the measuring instrument to which it relates is not compliant with the essential requirements.

Procedure where a notified body is minded to refuse to give, or to vary or withdraw a certificate or approval

15.—(1) Where a notified body is minded to—

(a) refuse to issue a certificate or notification;

(b) vary a certificate or notification (other than at the request of the person to whom it was given); or

(c) withdraw a certificate or notification,

it shall give to the applicant, or the person to whom the certificate or notification was given, a notice in writing—

(i) giving reasons for the refusal, variation or withdrawal;

(ii) specifying the date on which the refusal, variation or withdrawal is to take effect; and

(iii) giving the applicant or person the opportunity to make representations within 21 days from the date of the notice and stating that the notified body shall consider any representations made to it within that period by that applicant or person.

(2) Where a notified body, having considered representations made to it under sub-paragraph (1) remains of the opinion that—

(a) an application for a certificate or notification should be refused; or

(b) a certificate or notification should be varied or withdrawn,

it shall inform the applicant, or the person to whom the certificate or notification was given, of that decision in writing and give that applicant or person information about the judicial remedies available to him.

(3) Where a notice is given under sub-paragraph (1) by a notified body other than the Secretary of State, it shall send a copy to the designating authority from which it obtained its designation under regulation 4.

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