



CHANGES TO ATEX TECHNICAL STANDARDS

In order to demonstrate continued compliance with the Essential Health and Safety Requirements, the ATEX Directive (94/9/EC) requires manufacturers to continuously stay abreast of the latest technical knowledge with respect to explosion protection and how this influences the design of their product.

If your Declaration of Conformity or EC-Type Examination certificate quotes harmonised standards that have been superseded by more recent issues, CSA Group recommends that you take the following actions:



CSA Group Recommended Actions

1. Review the design of your product against the requirements of the latest standards.

CSA Group can provide a list of key changes compared to the earlier edition with appropriate guidance. It is worth noting that the changes in the newer harmonised

standards are contained in Annex ZY in the first few pages of that standard.

Please contact CSA Group if you need more immediate assistance, we will be glad to assist you with your review.

2. Are new requirements applicable to your product now more onerous?

If the answer is yes, you will need to contact the Notified Body responsible for issuing your certificate to have the documentation updated. On issue of the certificate update you should then modify your Declaration of Conformity to include the new harmonised standards.

If your review of the standards indicates that there are no updates necessary to your certificate, then you can record the review and modify your Declaration of Conformity to remove reference to the relevant 'harmonised' standards, referring to them simply as 'standards'.

- The new standard will include a date for withdrawal of the previous edition in its foreword. This date is normally the same as the date of cessation of presumption of conformity with the Directive that can be found in the list of harmonised standards under Directive 94/9/EC on the Europa website ec.europa.eu.
- The Directive does not require you to use harmonised standards, or in fact any standards at all.
- Once the date for cessation of presumption of conformity passes, a standard is no longer harmonised.

More Information

For more information and advice, please contact CSA Group.

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