

**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS
SPECIFIC TO CERTIFICATION
UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT
AGENCY'S**

**MCERTS SELF MONITORING OF
EFFLUENT FLOW SCHEME**



Introduction

One of the conditions placed on all holders of Sira Certificates is that they shall accept and comply with the current version of 'Regulations Applicable to the Holders of Sira Certificates' (SCS/SF/053) and any applicable supplementary regulations.

These supplementary Regulations are specific to Certification under the Environment Agency's MCERTS Self Monitoring of Effluent Flow Scheme.

Definition of Terms

'Certificate Holder (Operator)' The party responsible for ensuring that a certified **process** meets and continues to meet the requirements on which the certification is based

'Process' Set of interrelated or interacting activities which transforms inputs into outputs (e.g. manufacturing, food production, power generation etc.)

This means that a **'certificate holder (Operator)'** is responsible for ensuring that the **'process'** meets and continues to meet the requirements on which the certification is based.

These supplementary regulations summarise the various conditions, requirements and guidance contained in the following publications:

- Regulations applicable to the holders of Sira certificates
- EA - minimum requirements for the self monitoring of effluent flow
- Sira – management system requirements - guidance
- ISO/IEC 17065 : 2012

Certificates

Certificates are issued subject to the Operator maintaining its management system to the required standard. Certificates remain the property of Sira and shall be returned when requested. Certificates shall only be reproduced in their entirety and without change.

Maintaining certification

Certificates are valid for five years. In order to maintain certification throughout the certification period, the Operator's management system shall be subjected to periodic surveillance, as defined by Sira. Reassessment and recertification is conducted every 5 years.

Where an Operator repeatedly fails to cooperate with Sira in the planning and execution of audits, or in the completion of agreed corrective actions, the MCERTS Site Conformity Inspection Certificate may be suspended or withdrawn and the Environment agency informed.

Modifications to certified process

Significant changes that affect, or may affect management system compliance shall be notified to Sira who shall advise the Operator of the consequences and whether any additional auditing is required.

Certification marks

Holders of MCERTS Site Conformity Inspection Certificates or Management System Certificates issued under the MCERTS Self Monitoring of Effluent Flow Scheme are **not** permitted to use a certification mark. Individual holders of MCERTS Personnel Certificates are **not** permitted to use a certification mark.