

ASCB position on CE marking and certification

ASCB are aware of an increase in CE Mark certification being requested within the ASCB regime. To date however, practically none has been conducted. Nonetheless, we feel it appropriate to issue this Advisory Notice to all Certification Bodies.

Historically, there has been a practice for many non-critical items entering the European Market to have the CE mark applied to them. In most cases there was genuine belief and evidence that the products met the general safety requirement and moreover, a perception that the CE mark was required. The advent on 1st January 2010 of European Directive 765/2008; Regulation on Accreditation and Market Surveillance (RAMS), and specifically Article 30.2 of Chapter 4, states that this is no longer so.

ASCB policy is to declare an interregnum until further notice. This policy does not otherwise affect the status of Certification Bodies, Inspection Bodies, Test House and Calibration Laboratories or Product Certifiers.

ASCB recognises that currently there is no offence where compliant goods bear a CE mark and are of such a category that a Notified Body is not required. Nonetheless this Advisory Notice remains applicable:

ASCB Advisory Notice

Effective from the date of this notice, ASCB do not accredit organisations to certify, authorise, permit or encourage the fixing of CE Marking to products, including associated literature.

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