TESTEX®

Product certification

Undertaking of the applicant for the certification of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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1. Undertaking

We confirm the following to the Product Certification Body of TESTEX:

1. We are solely responsible for arrangements made for appraisal of the products.
2. We are fully aware that the certification body must be granted access to the relevant documentary material, areas, records, personnel and complaints.
3. We shall only issue statements regarding certification which are in conformity with the scope of the certification.
4. We shall not use any type certificate issued in a way which will bring the Product Certification Body into discredit or issue statements which the Product Certification Body can regard as misleading and unauthorised.
5. Following suspension or withdrawal of the TESTEX type certificate we shall discontinue all publicity which makes reference to the certification in any way. At the request of the Product Certification Body we shall return to it all requested certification documents.
6. We shall use the certification exclusively to demonstrate that the certified products conform to the stated area of application.
7. Improper use of the Product Certification Body's appraisal report, any type certificate issued or the CE label of conformity can result in the immediate withdrawal of the type certificate. Quotations must be stated in full, i.e. extracts from TESTEX appraisal reports must be given in full and faithfully reproducing any illustrations and explanations from the original.
8. References, extracts and conclusions will not be inserted in or added to the text of the appraisal reports or type certificates in a misleading way. In particular, we shall ensure that the impression does not arise that TESTEX …
    - has tested a representative number of items, when in fact only one item or a few items have been tested,
    - performs ongoing inspections of a product (when in fact only a few samples have been tested),
    - has tested or evaluated other properties (which in fact have not been tested or evaluated), or
    - has drawn conclusions in the nature of publicity (which in fact have been formulated by the client).

1.1. Complaints to the supplier (marketer)

We are obliged as the supplier within the meaning of ISO 17065, Paragraph 4.1.2.2, clause j) (records of all complaints), to produce - at the request of the Product Certification Body - complaints addressed to us regarding the conformity of a product with the requirements of the relevant standard, as well as initiating appropriate action to remedy the defects and documenting them.

1.2. Consequences of infringements

The Product Certification Body will take appropriate steps (including legal action) to penalise improper references to the product certification system or misleading use of appraisal reports, type certificates or CE labels of conformity in publications, catalogues, etc.

1.3. Bringing products on to the market / affixing the CE label of conformity

We declare in our capacity as authorised persons on behalf of our company that we shall issue the relevant declaration of conformity in terms of PrSV, Appendix 2, i.e. EU Council Directive 89/686, Appendix VI, before bringing the product on to the market, i.e. affixing the CE label of conformity.

1.4. Quality monitoring

We have set forth to the Product Certification Body what arrangements will be made within the company to ensure that all products manufactured and/or distributed by us, for which labelling authorisation has been issued, comply with the requirements of the product certification in exactly the same way as those test specimens which were placed at the disposal of the Product Certification Body and by virtue of the examination whereof the type certificate has been issued.

1.5. Quality assurance (only applicable to Category III PPE)

In order to ensure conformity of the products manufactured and/or distributed with the test specimen(s) we shall set up an effective quality assurance system and maintain it during the use of the CE label of conformity. In so doing we shall ensure and we have credibly set forth to the Product Certification Body that the products from different batches or production lots are tested by random sampling for compliance with the provisions of the product certification regulations. Testing can be performed by TESTEX or another accredited laboratory.

We shall keep records of these tests, indicating the following:

- Date of the test
- Type designation (production lot, materials used, manufacturer, etc.)
- Person responsible for testing
- Test results
- Random samples

We also acknowledge that the Product Certification Body is entitled to conduct tests on random samples during the period of certification. The Product Certification Body can take inspection samples locally or instruct the certificate holder to forward them to the Product Certification Body from current production. These product inspections and other monitoring action connected with the certificate are performed at the expense of the certificate holder.

If non-conformance with the specifications is ascertained, the Product Certification Body issues instructions for re-testing with new sample material. If non-conformance is again ascertained in this case, the Product Certification Body can suspend or withdraw the type certificate, depending on the seriousness of the case.

With the suspension or withdrawal of the type certificate the basis for the manufacturer's declaration of conformity no longer applies and the product can thus no longer be marketed, i.e. the right to use the CE label of conformity becomes null and void. Seco must currently be notified of such suspension or withdrawal by the Product Certification Body.

2. Declaration

We affirm that the application form dated for the following PPE model/s submitted has been completed truthfully and accurately and we agree to the above-mentioned obligations.

Place: Date:

Signature: _____