



Consumer & Industrial Goods Unit Requirements for ACABs' Approval

Introduction

The Method for Designating Conformity Assessment Bodies Regulation, L.N. 136 of 2003, sets the legal framework for the recognition, requirements, duties and responsibilities of Conformity Assessment Bodies operating under the jurisdiction of the Maltese Authorities.

Scope

The Regulations issued under the Product Safety Act Cap. 427 set out the conditions for the recognition of the competence and/or inspection of industrial products pursuant to regulations issued under the Act, either to bring Maltese legislation in line with the European Union's New Approach Directives, or as national regulations governing the manufacture and control of industrial products.

Criteria to be satisfied for eligibility for appointment

These criteria will be assessed from the "Qualifications Dossier" which is composed of the "Minimum Criteria Report" and the "Accreditation Certificate".

The Minimum Criteria Report

- § Professional integrity and technical competence
- § No commercial or financial interest in the products that fall under its competence
- § Complete independence from market or financial pressures that might influence the CAB's judgments
- § Adequate and suitable staff and facilities to enable it to perform properly its tasks
- § Civil liability Insurance
- § Observance of professional secrecy

The Accreditation Certificate

The Accreditation Certificate will be awarded by the National Accreditation Body. The applicant should be accredited to issue certificates in at least the same fields covered by the minimum criteria report.

Other Conditions Applicable to CABs

- § The CAB is responsible for any subcontracted work;
- § The CAB shall have an adequate liability insurance;
- § The CAB shall keep records of their workings for at least 10 years;
- § The CAB shall be subjected to monitoring of their work by the CIGU so as to ensure that a high degree of professionalism, competence and independence are adhered to;
- § The CAB shall cooperate with the competent authorities for implementing regulations and market surveillance;
- § The inspection report shall include the contents specified by the Inspection of Lifts Regulations, L.N. 231 of 2007, Schedule II for the report of the Thorough Examination and Schedule IV for the report of the Preventive Inspection. The inspection report shall include all the results of examinations and shall be correct, accurate and clear;
- § The Technical Manager of the CAB must be a warranted Engineer;
- § The Technical Manager of the CAB must have a minimum number of lift inspections of 20 inspections per year for a minimum period of 5 year or 3 years of work as a Technical Manager in a CAB and attended the CAB Course or equivalent.



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