



Changes to Technical Standards

The ATEX Directive (94/9/EC) requires manufacturers to immediately take in to account technical knowledge with respect to explosion protection in order to demonstrate continued compliance with the Directive.

If your Declaration of Conformity or EC-Type Examination certificate quotes harmonised standards that have been superseded by more recent issues, Sira recommends that you take the following actions:

(Note that the new standard will include in the foreword a date for withdrawal of the earlier version. This is normally the same as the date for "cessation of presumption of conformity" with the Directive that can be found on <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newapproach/standardization/harmstds/reflist/atex.html>).



Above: Your product certificates and Declarations of Conformity may need updating.

Sira Recommendations

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

Sira intends to publish a list of key changes compared to the earlier edition with appropriate guidance. The changes may also be included at the front of the new standard.

If you need more immediate assistance please contact Sira and we will help you conduct a review.

2. Determine whether the requirements in the latest standard that apply to your product have been made more onerous.

If so, then contact Sira to update your certificate. 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" (note that 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 Sira on info@siracertification.com or tel **+44 (0) 1244 670 900**.

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