

Sira Service Facility Certification Scheme

Sira has launched a certification scheme for workshops and facilities involved in the service, repair and overhaul of equipment for use in hazardous areas.

The scheme aims to provide both OEM's and end users with the confidence that repair workshops and facilities work in accordance with strict technical and quality system requirements laid down within an international (IEC) framework.

How the Scheme Works

Sira has structured the scheme in such a way that it will dovetail with the requirements of the IECEx Service Facility Scheme that has been launched. Sira has contributed greatly to the IECEx Scheme and is one of the first IECEx Certification Bodies to be accredited.

Assessments will address the fundamental issues of quality management system procedures, working environment, staff competence, repair methodologies and controlled calibration of suitable test and measurement equipment.

Advantages of the Scheme

The scheme provides a credible alternative to other unaccredited schemes promoting recognised and certified service facilities, thus setting them apart from unauthorised organisations by enabling them to use the Sira/IECEX 'seal of approval'.

The move will stem industry's concerns of below-par repair work being carried out without traceability back to the workshop carrying out the repairs.

Workshops and facilities that have attained and maintained IECEx certification will be registered onto the IECEx online certificate of conformity system and will be able to affix the IECEx logo, specific to the scope of certification to workshop reports and stationery.



Integrated assessments are also possible for customers wishing to obtain ISO9001:2000 certification at the same time.

Relevant staff requiring training and competence certification may consider our wide range of training courses and accredited 'Competence Professional' Scheme (operated by Sira Certification Service). For more details please log onto www.siracertification.com.

How Can I Apply for the Scheme?

To apply for the Scheme, please fill out the Sira QMS application form (Form 5300), which is downloadable at www.siracertification.com

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Relevant IECEx operational documents:

- IECEx 03 – Rules of Procedure (used in conjunction with IECEx 01 & IECEx 02).
- IECEx OD/014 – Quality System Requirements for IECEx Repair Workshops
- IECEx OD/015 – Technical Requirements for IECEx Repair Workshops (IEC 60079-19 including latest amendments)

Other standards to be used in conjunction with the above include:

- IEC 60079-19 Repair & Overhaul for apparatus used in explosive atmospheres (other than explosives)
- ISO 9001: 2000 Quality Management System - Requirements