

Specific certification regulation

Marine Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Regulations 2016
as amended

CENTEXBEL INTERNATIONAL Ltd

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*Specific Certification Rules – Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Regulations 2016 as amended***1 Introduction**

The Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Regulations 2016 as amended makes it mandatory to affix the UK Conformity Mark for Marine Equipment on products that are used as marine equipment. By affixing the UK Conformity Mark for Marine Equipment, the manufacturer* attests that the product is in conformity with the applicable legal safety and health requirements and that it is marketed in conformity with the legislation. The technical requirements with which the products must comply are defined in the corresponding designated standards or technical specifications.

* Manufacturer: natural person or legal entity that manufactures a product or that has it designed and manufactured and sells it under his name or trademark.

The regulation subdivides the equipment in different categories to which different conformity assessments apply. These categories are:

1. Life-saving appliances
2. Marine pollution prevention
3. Fire protection equipment
4. Navigation equipment
5. Radio-communication equipment
6. Equipment required under COLREG 72
7. Bulk carrier safety equipment
8. Equipment under SOLAS Chapter II-1
9. Equipment for which the set of standards for MED certification is not complete

In category 3: Fire protection equipment, CENTEXBEL INTERNATIONAL Ltd is approved body 8515 designated by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) for the approval of the following equipment:

<p>Fire protection equipment: UK/3.3 Fire-fighter's outfit: protective clothing (close proximity clothing)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Protective non-reflective clothing for firefighting; b) Protective clothing for firefighting: Reflective clothing for specialised firefighting; c) Protective clothing for firefighting: protective clothing with a reflective outer surface;
<p>Fire protection equipment: UK/3.5 Fire-fighter's outfit: gloves</p>
<p>Fire protection equipment: UK/3.18 Surface materials and floor coverings with low flame-spread characteristics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) decorative veneers; b) paint systems; c) floor coverings; d) pipe insulation covers; e) adhesives used in the construction of 'A', 'B' & 'C' class divisions; f) combustible ducts membrane.
<p>Fire protection equipment: UK/3.19 Draperies, curtains and other suspended textile materials and films</p>
<p>Fire protection equipment: UK/3.20 Upholstered furniture</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) complete piece of furniture (including cover material, filling material and non-flammable rack) b) cover material for any filling material c) cover material for flame-retardant filling material (tested in specific combination as intended for further application) d) flame-retardant filling material
<p>Fire protection equipment: UK/3.21 Bedding components</p>

CENTEXBEL INTERNATIONAL Ltd has approval for:

- type-examination (module B)
- production-quality assurance (module D)
- product-quality assurance (module E)
- product verification (module F)

The manufacturer* shall affix the UK Conformity Mark for Marine Equipment, followed by the approved body's identification number that will perform the periodical conformity assessments and the equipment's production date. This date can be applied 20XX or XX.

2 Definitions

See General Certification Regulation

3 Certification procedure

3.1 Type Examination Module B

After concertation with the applicant, the *type-examination* is performed. As a guide, the technical file is used, that is based on the MED regulations, and more in particular on annex II and on the applicable designated standards or other technical specifications. During this examination, models are also submitted to the tests as foreseen in the corresponding designated standard or technical specifications. These tests are performed by a recognized subcontractor in conformity with the requirements of ISO 17025 such as CENTEXBEL.

The *product certifier* drafts a report with remarks and hands it over to the applicant. The latter is requested to provide the necessary clarifications and/or perform the necessary corrections or submit the missing documents as soon as possible. CENTEXBEL INTERNATIONAL Ltd provides a maximum period of 6 months here to. If CENTEXBEL INTERNATIONAL Ltd has not received the missing documents, clarifications or corrections within 6 months, the file will be automatically put on hold and the reopening of the file after 6 months will give rise to new certification costs (ISO 17065 §7.4). Only when a positive response is given to all remarks, the product certifier shall submit a written proposal to grant the certificate of type examination to the director in charge of certification of CENTEXBEL INTERNATIONAL Ltd. If it is impossible to prove conformity, the product certifier will submit a proposal to refuse the certificate of type examination to the director in charge of certification.

To be permitted to affix the UK Conformity Mark for Marine Equipment, the applicant shall dispose of a module B certificate in combination with a module D, E or F certificate.

3.2 Production-quality assurance (module D)

After concertation with the applicant, the production-quality assurance or FPC audit is performed. The FPC checklist is used as a guide to this audit. The focus of the audit is on the production of the product (or product group).

The FPC auditor drafts an audit report and hands it over to the applicant and the product certifier.

If no immediate corrective actions are required, the product certifier shall submit a proposal of decision for the intended product (or product group) to the director in charge of certification of CENTEXBEL INTERNATIONAL Ltd.

If non-conformities have been observed during the audit, a timespan, depending on the nature of the non-conformity, shall be communicated in which the non-conformity shall be solved.

3.3 Product-quality assurance (module E)

After concertation with the applicant, the product-quality assurance or FPC audit is performed. The FPC checklist is used as a guide to this audit. The focus of the audit is on the product (or product group).

The FPC auditor drafts an audit report and hands it over to the applicant and the product certifier.

If no immediate corrective actions are required, the product certifier shall submit a proposal of decision for the intended product (or product group) to the director in charge of certification of CENTEXBEL INTERNATIONAL Ltd.

If non-conformities have been observed during the audit, a timespan, depending on the nature of the non-conformity, shall be communicated in which the non-conformity shall be solved.

3.4 Product verification (module F)

Every year, CENTEXBEL INTERNATIONAL Ltd shall contact the certificate holder to carry out examinations and tests to check the conformity of the products (or product groups) with the appropriate requirements. The product certifier carries out the examination by taking samples at the manufacturer* that are representative for the production and by having the necessary tests carried out on them.

Thereupon, the product certifier drafts an expertise report, including the findings of the examination. The report establishes whether the product (group) is still in conformity with the requirements of the legislation and corresponds with the model that was offered at the type-examination as well as any corrective actions and their deadlines. The proposed actions shall be in proportion with the impact of the shortcomings on the safety and health of the user.

The product certifier submits his/her expertise report with proposal for certification decision to the director in charge of certification of CENTEXBEL INTERNATIONAL Ltd.

4 Obligations of the manufacturer*

The manufacturer* shall respect the applicable provisions of the *The Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Regulations 2016* as amended by the Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. If the manufacturer* appeals to one or more designated standards or

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technical specifications, that give a presumption of conformity with the essential requirements of the equipment, he shall also respect the provisions thereof.

(1) A manufacturer must ensure that:

(a) a United Kingdom conformity assessment is carried out in respect of all marine equipment using one of the procedures referred to:

(a) where the United Kingdom type-examination as outlined in Part 1 of Schedule 2 (module B) is to be used, before being placed on the market, all marine equipment must be subject to:

- (i) production-quality assurance as outlined in Part 2 of Schedule 2 (module D);
- (ii) product-quality assurance as outlined in Part 3 of Schedule 2 (module E); or
- (iii) product verification as outlined in Part 4 of Schedule 2 (module F);

(b) marine equipment is marked in accordance with regulation 15 (affixing the United Kingdom conformity mark)



####: Approved body number undertaking surveillance module

YY: last two digits of the year or YYYY year of affixing the conformity mark

; and

(c) keep the technical documentation specified in Schedule 2 and the United Kingdom declaration of conformity for the relevant period.

(2) A manufacturer must undertake to fulfil any obligation arising from a quality system approved under regulation 12(2)(b) and must ensure that quality system is maintained.

(3) A manufacturer must ensure:

- (a) its name,
 - (b) a type, batch or serial number or other element allowing identification of its product,
 - (c) its registered trade name or trade mark, and
 - (d) the address at which it can be contacted,
- is on any equipment or, where that is not possible, on the packaging of that equipment or in a document accompanying that equipment or both, as appropriate.

(4) A manufacturer must provide with any equipment:

- (a) clear instructions and all necessary information for that equipment to be installed and operated safely; and
- (b) any other documentation required by international instruments.

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- (5) Where a manufacturer knows or has reason to believe that its equipment does not comply with applicable international standards, that manufacturer must:
- (a) take immediate corrective measures to ensure that the equipment complies with applicable international standards;
 - (b) withdraw the equipment from the United Kingdom market; or
 - (c) issue a recall of the equipment.
- (6) Where a manufacturer considers that equipment presents a risk, that manufacturer must immediately inform the Secretary of State of the risk and provide details of any non-compliance with applicable international standards and any action taken in accordance with paragraph (5).
- (7) On request by the Secretary of State, a manufacturer must provide to the Secretary of State:
- (a) samples of equipment approved by an approved body at the manufacturer's own cost; or
 - (b) access to such samples.
- (8) This regulation applies to an importer or a distributor as if that person were a manufacturer where the importer or distributor:
- (a) places equipment on the market or on board a ship under the importer or distributor's own name or trademark; or
 - (b) modifies equipment already placed on the market or on board a ship in such a way that compliance with applicable international standards may be affected.
- (9) In this regulation:
- "clear instructions" means instructions in a form and language which the user easily understands.