CECE guidance on the 'Declaration of Conformity' for the machinery directive 2006/42/EC

EC Declaration of Conformity

(Machinery directive 2006/42/EC, Annex II., sub. A)

Model of EC 'Declaration of Conformity'

Name and address of the manufacturer or his authorised representative established in the community:

Declares that the machinery as described (including generic denomination, function, model, type, serial number and commercial name);

Complies with all the relevant provisions of the following directives and the corresponding national regulations;

- 2006/42/EC: Machinery;
- all the other directives applicable (EMC 2004/108/EC, Outdoor noise 2000/14/EC as amended.....).

Note: Additional information may be necessary for the other directives applicable like for the outdoor noise directive.

Additional information for machinery listed in annex IV of the directive

- Name, address and identification number of the notified body which carried out the EC type-examination referred to in Annex IX and the number of the EC type-examination certificate;

or

Name, address and identification number of the notified body which approved the full quality assurance system referred to in Annex X;

Name and address of the person authorised to compile and transmit, in response to a reasoned request by the national authorities, relevant part(s) of the technical file.

The machinery has been designed using the following

- harmonised standards:... (include the date of the standard) (optional):
- and other national, international or non harmonised European standards, recommendation, technical specifications... (optional)

Signature

Name:	
Position:	
Place and date of the signature:	
Signature:	

Guidelines to draft the 'Declaration of Conformity'

The machinery directive draws the attention to the following

This declaration relates exclusively to the machinery in the state it is placed on the market, and excludes components which are added and/or operations carried out subsequently to that machinery.

The following text could be added on the Declaration of Conformity but taking into account the following interpretation:

- the components referred to, are not to be understood as tools, parts or components provided by the manufacturer:
- when such tools, parts or components are covered by the instructions handbook, they are considered to be included by the original Declaration of Conformity of the machine, even if provided subsequently by the same manufacturer.

Reference to standards

It is not mandatory to list the standards applied.

It is also recommended to list the C-type standards which apply directly to the families of machines.

For memory extract of the Commission guidelines on machinery directive

- C-type standards provide detailed specifications for a category of machinery having similar intended use and presenting similar hazards. C-type standards may refer to A- or B-type standards, indicating which of the specifications of the A- or B-type standards are applicable to the category of machinery concerned. When, for a given aspect of machinery safety, a C-type standard derivates from the specifications of an A- or B-type standard, the C-type standard takes precedence. Application of the specifications of a C-type standard on the basis of the manufacturer's risk assessment confers a presumption of conformity with the essential health and safety requirements of the Machinery Directive covered by the standard.
- The presumption of conformity conferred by the application of a harmonised standard is not absolute, since the conformity of the standard itself can be challenged see §§ 117 to 119, coments on Article 10. However, the presumption of conformity conferred by the application of the specifications of a harmonised standard gives a certain legal certainty for the manufacturer, since he does not have to provide further proof of conformity with the essential health and safety requirements covered by the standard.

Other directives

For certain types of machine, reference to new and global approach directives may be required in the Declaration of Conformity. For some machines the reference is not enough as they request more information, for example the Noise Directive 2000/14/EC.

Exhaust Emission Directive is an old approach directive concerning engines so its reference shall not appear in the Declaration of Conformity of the machines.



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