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Question: The Directive (Clause 3.3 of Annex IV and Annex VII) requires the Notified Body to notify the manufacturer of the outcome of the assessment and this is achieved by the issue of a Notification, if the assessment is successful.

The current agreed proforma only provides detail of the equipment type and protection concept, and not the certificate number.

However the Directive is product specific i.e. Clause 3.1 of Annex IV and VII requires documentation regarding the system to be provided to the Notified Body, supporting the product.

Therefore, in practice, a Notified Body can be asked to cover the Production phase for certificates not only issued by themselves but also by other Notified Bodies. The problem is that if the original Notification is for example, an Ex d motor, then how do you Notify the manufacturer if subsequent certificates are also for Ex d motors because there will be no change to the Notification.

This leads to duplication e.g. do we send a letter stating a certain certificate is now included in the Notification, plus it can lead to confusion e.g. who is covering what.

Answer:  Notified Bodies have the option of attaching a Schedule to the Notification listing the Certificate numbers covered by that Notification.

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