

Gas Appliances Directive (90/396/EEC)	
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Guideline related to:

ANNEX	II	Procedure for certification of conformity
Section	3 & 4	EC declaration of conformity to type (guarantee of production / product quality)
Paragraph	3.3.3. & 4.3.3.	
Subject	Quality System	

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It must notify its decision to the manufacturer and inform the other notified bodies thereof. The notification to the manufacturer must contain the conclusions of the examination, the name and address of the notified body and the reasoned assessment decision in respect of the appliances concerned.

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Question

Is certification to EN ISO 9001, 9002 or 9003 obligatory to meet the requirements of sections 3 and 4 of Annex II?

Conclusion

No.

Question 2

Can a manufacturer having a certificated EN ISO 9001, 9002, 9003 quality management system be considered satisfying ANNEX II paragraphs 3.3.3. and 4.3.3. of GAD?

Discussion

A quality management system satisfying the requirements of EN ISO 9000 series may satisfy the requirements of the factory production control system specified by the Directive.

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An EN ISO 9000 series certificate issued by an assessment body recognised by the Notified Body may be taken into account by the Notified Body when undertaking the assessment of the factory production relating to the specific types of products detailed in the EC type-examination certificate.

Conclusion

No, but EN ISO 9001, 9002, 9003 may be used partly or to full extent depending on the stated scope of EN ISO 9001, 9002, 9003. The EN ISO certificate should include as a minimum, those product types for which the manufacturer seeks approval under GAD for the factory production control system.

However, technical aspects relating to type conformity and the specific factory product control procedures pertaining to the manufacture of the product type must be inspected and assessed by a Notified Body for compliance to the GAD.

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