

Subject: The maintenance of the validity of G-Type examination certificates

Dear Notified Bodies, Economic Operators and Stakeholders,

The GSO wish to take this opportunity to bring to your attention the conformity assessment mechanism which is applied to maintain a presumption of conformity by meeting the essential safety requirements of Annex 1 of the Technical Regulation for Low Voltage Electrical Equipment and Appliances (LVE BD-142004-01).

This mechanism is defined within the articles of the above-mentioned Technical Regulation for the maintenance of certification during a 3-year validity cycle. It is based on the product meeting the requirements of the LV TR following the conformity assessment procedure described in Annex (4).

The GSO standards on issue are subject to a **2-year transition period** (adopted and endorsed from the current issued international/national standards). If review of certification is not carried out before the end of transition period, this will result in suspension of the certificate pending withdrawal from GSO certificate tracking system.

GSO would like to enlighten its partners about the following:

1. 3-Year validity cycle of certificates:

According to Annex (4) clause 3.e)2. the maximum validity of the certificate is 3 years.

During the 3 years validity cycle the certificate holder has the ongoing obligation to maintain the conformity of his products to the essential requirements of the Technical Regulation for Low Voltage Electrical Equipment and Appliances (LVE BD-142004-01).

Conformity to the essential requirements is demonstrated through the application of valid GSO or IEC standards. According to Annex (4) clause 3 e. 1, 2 and 3 changes in the technical standards (state of the art), or in the products shall be reviewed by the notified body (see item 3 below).

2. GSO Conformity Tracking Symbol (GCTS):

The QR code, as part of GCTS, is generated through the GSO database system and activated by the GSO following the positive completion of the conformity assessment carried out by the Notified Body.





GCTS is subject to payment of applicable fees for each product 500 SAR/year which shall be paid one time for three years (1500 SAR) within the same validity for the Gulf Type Examination Certificate.

3. Review of certification (Maintenance of the certificate during the 3 years validity cycle):

Cases that need review of the certification may include:

- Changes in the standards used for type examination (state of the art) – See note below.
- Changes in the product.
- Changes in the scheme requirements or interpretations

On review of certification – either with technical changes or not, the output is an updated certificate with the same QR code (GCTS).

4. Renewal of certification:

For renewal of certificate the product is subjected to a re-evaluation; on successful evaluation the certificate is re-issued with validity extended for 3 years using the same QR code (GCTS) for the product.

It is advised that the certificate holder contact the issuing body within 12 months prior to the expiry date of the certificate.

Mandatory update of all existing certificates:

Any existing certificates based on superseded standards according to GSO standard endorsement policy (as of today) shall be updated to valid standards before 31st March 2019.

Any certificate that will fail to comply with this update timeline will be suspended, pending, withdrawal from GSO certificate tracking system.

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