



## The new EMC Directive : 2014/30/EU

### No major changes... but adjustments needed

The directive 2014/30/EU, which is a revision of the current 2004/108/EC directive, was published in the Official Journal of the French Republic dated August 29<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Since that date, complementary information on its application has been issued: here is an update on the information available at this date.

#### Main changes

- The EC declaration of conformity becomes an EU declaration of conformity.
- The statement of Notified Body becomes an EU type examination certificate.
- Importers are required to put their names and addresses on the products (or on the packaging, if relevant).
- Manufacturer's, importer's and distributor's responsibilities, with regard to placing the products on the market (in particular requirements for traceability and market surveillance) are more precisely defined and reinforced.
- Requirements applicable to the notified bodies are reinforced.
- The Notified Bodies are not automatically renewed on the new directive. They'll have to be accredited again, as per ISO 17065 or ISO 17020 /
- The conformity assessment procedures are aligned "new approach"

#### Did you know ?

*The new directive was published as a result of the New Legislative Framework. A total of nine EU directives have been revised. Among them :*

*LVD : 2006/95/EC*

*ATEX : 94/9/EC*

*Our experts remain at your disposal to help with the coming changes : [contact us](#)*

#### What does not change:

- The EC marking (it concerns the European Conformity).
- The scope of the directive and its essential health and safety requirements.

#### Date of application :

Directive 2004/108/EC will be abrogated on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It remains fully applicable until this date.

From April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the new 2014/30/EU directive will come into force:

- EU declarations of conformity according to 2014/30/EU directive must replace the EC declarations of conformity.
- The issuance of certificates according to the new directive becomes possible.



**FAQs**

- **What happens with the products stored at the manufacturer's?**

*The new directive becomes applicable from April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The products stored must have been prepared to meet the new requirements.*

- **What happens with the products stored at the distributors' and users'?**

*An apparatus must meet the legal obligations when it is placed on the market for the first time. Products stored at distributors' or users' are considered as placed on the market already : 2014/30/EU directive does not apply.*

- **Is there a transition period ?**

*Unlike for other directives (R&TTE for example), there is no transition period during which the two directives are applicable. The changeover date is April 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.*

- **Is it possible to do proceed to a double declaration of conformity (EC and EU) a few months before the date of application?**

*Possibility to show on the new EU declaration that the product answers the requirements of Directive 2004/108/EC until April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and the requirements of Directive 2014/30/EU as of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.*

**An application guide will be published by the European Commission in 2016 to clarify the transitional arrangements and confirm the answers given above.**

**Our recommendations**

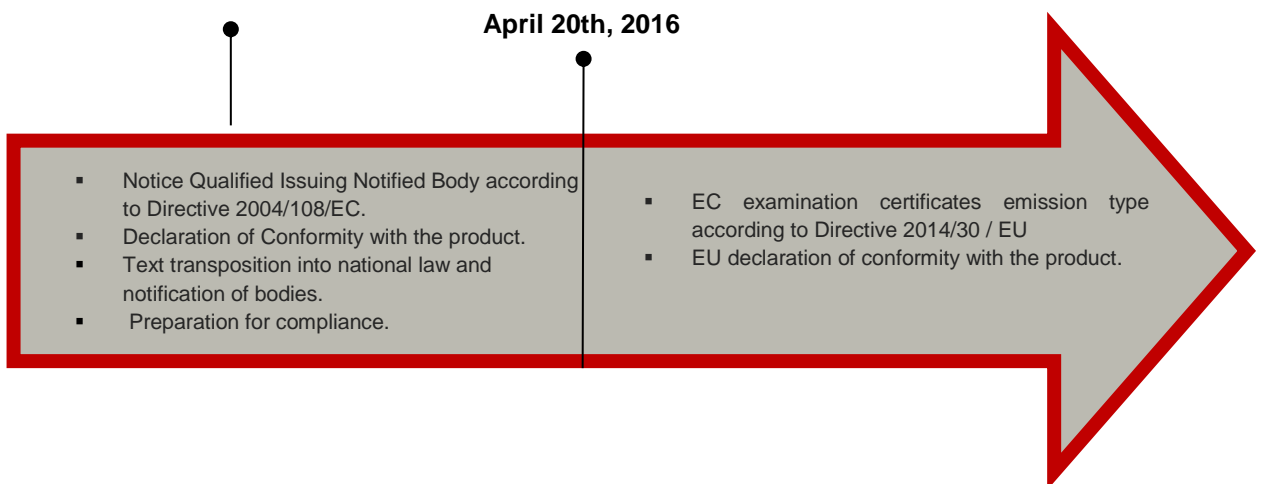
*For a smooth implementation of the new directive, we recommend that you should:*

- 1- **Assess the impact of the changes to be made to the documentation** (declarations of conformity, marking drawings, quality documentation, sales literature, Website, etc...)*
- 2- **Train and inform your personnel and your business partners** (distributors, importers, resellers).*
- 3- **In order to obtain EU type examination certificates as early as possible from April 20<sup>th</sup> 2016, plan well in advance the assessment of your products with LCIE.***

**To sum up**

**Early 2016**  
Publication of a guide

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