

Dear Valued Customer/Supplier and Certificate Holder,

## **Continued Compliance on Certified Product**

### **Congratulations on your Certified Product(s)**

The accompanying certificate confirms the product(s) you applied for certification is compliant to the applicable standard(s). The certificate issued is under a Scheme/Type 1a certification scheme/program and identifies that an independent accredited laboratory had tested the original product with alterations (as required) and supplied an endorsed test report. Other supporting documents such as rating details, instructions, component approval certificates, etc. may have been requested prior to issuing this certificate.

### **Your responsibility under the Type 1a certification scheme**

Under the scheme/type 1a certification scheme/program, it is the responsibility of the supplier that all subsequent product offered for promotion and sale is the same as (IDENTICAL) to the original product that had been tested and certified. This means; markings, components, materials, ratings, production techniques, tooling, performance and is produced in the same factory location. Changes to any of these without prior notification to EESS Conformity Certification is unacceptable and will cause your product to be considered as 'not certified'. Thus, any of the above changes must be assessed for compliance and endorsed prior to entering the marketplace. Product that is not currently certified may lead to action such as product recall, etc.

### **Production checks**

The supplier is required under Australian Consumer Law (ACL) to take steps to ensure and maintain that production continues to comply "just like the original tested sample(s) did" this may include but not limited to:

- Pre-component checks such as confirmation of ALL CRITICAL COMPONENTS & MATERIALS.
- Pre-production checks conforming sub-assembly and final assembly
- Final production routine electrical and mechanical tests
- Quality sampling to AS 1199/MIL-STD 105E/ISO 2859 to confirm confidence that production continues to comply
- Post compliance checking (similar to the testing done to obtain certification)
- Holding records to confirm the above, and these records can be made available upon request.

### **Recommendation for Quality Control**

It is recommended that the supplier/factory has appropriate Quality Control documents/work instructions in place to allow for inspection and checks to be carried out by independent inspectors/agency. Again, accurate written records and reports are to be held for evidence of lot-by-lot (batch) production.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Australian Government regulators regularly conduct audits to confirm that product being offered to the Australian marketplace complies and are safe. If product is found to be non-compliant, the regulators can take many corrective actions including product recall and/or serious fines (including criminal fines). It is not worth taking short-cuts, thus production and quality checks are essential for continued compliance and confidence.

The EESS Conformity Certification team has provided this information to you to assist you (the supplier or factory) in maintaining the conditions of continued compliance for your certified and future products.

Hope this is helpful and thank you for your attention.