**CEN and CENELEC workshop on the new Gulf Technical Regulation on Low Voltage Equipment and Appliances**

**Questions and answers**

Q1: In the EU, power cables and other cables working in the stated range (50 to 1000 Vac and 75 to 1500 Vdc) fall under the EU LVD. Is it the same for the Gulf regulation ?

**A1: They fall under the scope but still not listed in List (1) nor List(2), once listed will be announced with a suitable transition period for mandatory implementation.**

Q2: List 2 includes tariff code 85366910. This tariff code can include many specific electrical connectors for cables used in industrial machinery, petrochemical installations, etc. Please can you confirm that these specific products should not be considered as being in “List 2” ?

**A2: This HS code refers for the “product name” in the List (2). And not for electrical connectors for cables used in industrial machinery**

Q3: Technical files can contain for example confidential drawings & intellectually sensitive design material. If these are requested by authorities other than of a contractually agreed Certification Body for example, a Customs Authority, can we be confident that the intellectual & confidential rights will be maintained, will contracts be drawn? Bearing in mind that, according to GSO’s experts, Market Surveillance Authorities are not established and organised.

**A3: LVTR Article (34) ensures Transparency and confidentiality**

Q4: if a small domestic appliance, not on list 2, is supplied with a charger / external power supply - is the charger subject to list 2?

**A4: No, the charger meant for Battery Chargers coming separately as an final product.**

Q5: How will electric appliances without existing EN/IEC standards be handled in GCC countries according to the new regulation? Will for example "Universal Socket" adapters be de facto forbidden? Indeed, they seem to be in the product group requiring third party certificates, but they will not obtain them as they cannot comply with existing standards. So, they will not get the G-mark certification either. What will be the reaction of authorities and customs when a container with such Universal S.O come in the countries? Will it be stopped? What are the possible solutions?

**A5: The Universal Socket is not complying with the shape and type of sockets which stated in the table of Annex (1) in the BD-142004-01. So it cannot get the Gulf certificate neither affix the GC Marking.**

Q6: GSO leaves one year of transition before the latest version of the IEC standard is published by IEC (and automatically adopted by GSO and its members, withdrawing the previous version). This is generally too short for the industry to adapt to the newly published standard. In Europe, the transition period is three years by default, unless specified otherwise on the [Commission’s website](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/european-standards/harmonised-standards/low-voltage/index_en.htm). How can we solve this critical issue?

**A6: This is true, however we will highlight this concern to the relevant Gulf committees to consider.**

Q7: Are chargers for Electrical Vehicles in the scope of List 2? (IEC 61851 standard series)

**A7: No**

Q8: Are travel adapters concerned by GCC regulations? If not, does this mean that they can continue to be sold as it is currently the case?

**A8:No**

Q9: Which are the minimum requirements if manufacturers want to go directly to GAC and ask for affixing the G-Mark?

**A9: GAC is the GCC Accreditation Center, and does not provide certification services for products. The manufacturer shall go to the Notified Bodies published in the website i.e** [**www.gso.org.sa/nb**](http://www.gso.org.sa/nb)

Q10: Is there a roadmap available when further GSo technical regulations will be released?

**A10: There is a plan to work on the machinery, lifts,…etc, and once final draft prepared it will be published on GSO website for comments and feedback before final approval, thus we recommend you to follow GSO website and any technical regulation notifications.**

Q11: How are electromagnetic compatibility legislation and standards handled in the Gulf?

**A11: You may take a look to our standardization activities from this link**

You need to sign up first

<https://www.gso.org.sa/gd/home/TECHNICAL?lang=en>

Q12: If a product enters the Gulf in more than one Gulf Country and there is a specific importer in each country, is this to be managed?

**A12: yes, each importer need to do the responsibilities and draw up a DoC.**

Q13: Can UK plugs be sold in all 7 Countries of the Gulf?

**A13: Refer to the shape and type of sockets which stated in the table of Annex (1) in the BD-142004-01.**

Q14: Are gas hobs and gas ovens involved with electromechanical or electronic control?

**A14: pure gas appliances are not covered even with electrical controls, but once electrical is used for heating element then it shall comply to the regulation.**

Q15: Dishwashers are not in List 2. What does this mean?

**A15: not included in the time being thus will not need to follow the gulf regulation and shall remain follow the national regulation till further listing in either List(1) or List(2).**

Q16: What is the meaning of test reports by a competent lab?

**A16: the competent lab is as explained in article 22 or the Notified bodies Lab.**

Q17: Are there any other Notified bodies (NBs) that will be accredited soon on top of the ones published (e.g. IMQ)?

**A17: Yes there are applications under notification process, so once they complete the process, they will be published on website** [**www.gso.org.sa/nb**](http://www.gso.org.sa/nb)

Q18: Is the NB that applies for the G-Mark?

**A18: The NB issues the Gulf type certificate, and the Manufacture is accordingly allowed to affix the GC Mark**

Q19: Should be a registration number under the G-mark symbol?

**A19: The product registration system is still under preparation and a decision will be published once available in the GSO Website:** [**http://www.gso.org.sa**](http://www.gso.org.sa/)**. So, don’t consider, for the moment, the Product Registration number.**

Q20: For the CE Marking it is not required to have internal lab accredited. Why the difference?

**A:20 it was decided by the GSO member states**

Q21: If I'm purchasing a full product from a supplier (OEM) and put my brand, I'm the applicant but the technical file is provided by the OEM supplier. How should we manage?

**A21: it can be managed as per article (12) of the BD-142004-01**

Q22: How to consider domestic hoods vs. List 2?

**A22: not considered**

Q23: Does the product rating label must include the manufacturer postal address?

**A23:Yes**

Q24: What are the expected costs to get the G-Mark

**A24:check with the Notified Bodies through** [**www.gso.org.sa/nb**](http://www.gso.org.sa/nb)

Q25: How often is it required to renew the G-Mark registration and how will it be done?

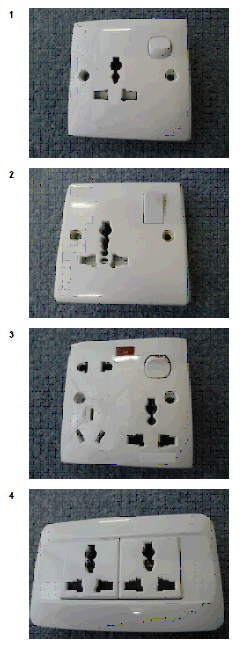
**A25: check with the Notified Bodies through** [**www.gso.org.sa/nb**](http://www.gso.org.sa/nb)**, the costs depend on the test to be performed and other procedures. The G-Mark is valid for 3 years. Q26: Does the registration have to be done by type or by commercial model? We indicate the Type on the product on top of the commercial model. Is this ok?**

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**A26: By Type**

Q27: **Universal Socket adapters** (for wall mounting): we understood that they cannot be officially covered neither by the current nor by the new coming regulation in the Gulf countries and therefore will definitively not be allowed to get the new GC Marking. At this point we want to point out that the question here is not for mobile travel adapters but for fixed ones exclusively intended for wall mounting.

Please refer to representative pictures below.

  
  
Nevertheless today's experience shows that importation of those kind of products is very possible in Gulf countries. Or is it just tolerated? Is there a risk that this will be no longer possible after th implementation of the new ‘Gulf Technical Regulation on Low Voltage Equipment and Appliances’ in July 2016? Any idea / input to improve the situation ?

**A27: Yes, those are not complying to the Gulf regulation.**