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LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

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ON THE CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO
NORMATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Article 1. Scope of the Law effect

This law regulates the organization of activities for voluntary and compulsory conformity assessment of production, goods (hereinafter products), labors and services (hereinafter services) to normative requirements, as well as established legal bases for state control in this field, determines modules for conformity assessment, conditions of product marketing, the rights and obligations of parties to conformity assessment.

a) Conformity assessment- an activity as a result of which by means of declaration on conformity or certificate on conformity it is certified that product or service conforms to normative requirements;

b) Compulsory conformity assessment a conformity assessment that is instituted by the Laws of the Republic of Armenia or other legal acts on certain products or services and is carried out

on the basis of evidences in his disposal assesses in writing the conformity of product or service to normative requirements.

Normative requirements - requirements towards products or services, expressed in a document, to which the characteristics of product or service are compared in the course of conformity assessment.

Technical documents – technical regulations, standards, other documents adopted by the Government of Armenia, whereby normative requirements towards products or services are presented.

Impermissible risk - a possibility of occurrence of impermissible risk related with possible damage to life, health, property or environment caused by product or service.

Certificate - a document issued by certification body, which assesses that product or service certified in accordance with established regulation, conforms to the normative requirements.

Identification – procedure whereby, by the rules of the system for conformity assessment, the identity of product presented for conformity assessment to its name and characteristics is confirmed and tested.

Conformity assessment - procedure of conformity assessment whereby certification body confirms in writing the compliance of product or service to the normative requirements.

Competent authority for conformity assessment- state body authorized by the Government of the Republic of Armenia to govern the system for conformity assessment.

- jb) Certification body –legal entity accredited to conduct conformity assessment works for given products or services.
- jc) Testing laboratory – legal entity accredited to carry out given testing.
- jd) Applicant - products producer, seller or services provider or their proxy that applied to the certification body for attestation of products or services conformity.
- je) Conformity assessment scheme certain complex of operations, the positive outcomes of which are recognized as assurance of compliance of product or service to normative requirements.
- jf) Accreditation – procedure whereby an Accreditation Board recognizes officially the technical competence of legal entity to operate in the certain area of conformity assessment, as well as recognizes officially the independence of this entity from the products producer (seller) or services provider.
- jg) Voluntary conformity assessment- conformity assessment initiated by the applicant and carried out in compliance with his /her announced normative and technical requirements.

Article 3. Legislation on Product or Service Conformity Assessment to Normative Requirements

Relations concerning product or service conformity assessment to normative requirements are regulated by the laws of the Republic of Armenia and other legal acts.

Article 4. International Treaties of the Republic of Armenia

Should the international treaties of the Republic of Armenia stipulate otherwise rules than the product conformity assessment legislation of the Republic of Armenia, the provisions of international treaties shall prevail.

Article 5. Objectives of compulsory conformity assessment

The objectives of compulsory conformity assessment are:

- a) ensuring safety of products for the life and health of consumers;
- b) protection of environment, flora and fauna;
- c) protection of consumer from deceptive practice,
- d) harmonization of conformity assessment ~~with~~ the rules of international, regional conformity assessment systems, as well as elimination of unjustified technical obstacles.

Article 6. Normative Documents Applied for the Conformity Assessment

1. Normative documents applied for the conformity assessment shall contain normative requirements towards products or services and methods of their conformity determination.
Requirements towards products or services may be contained within one or several normative documents.
2. International, regional, interstate and national of other countries normative documents, applied in accordance with the procedure established in the Republic of Armenia, can be used for the products or services conformity assessment.
3. Technical regulations on product or service shall be applied for the compulsory conformity assessment.

Article 7. Products or services subject to compulsory conformity assessment

The list of products and services subject to compulsory conformity assessment

applied in the Republic of Armenia, and duly provides this information to international, regional conformity assessment organizations.

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Article 22. Field of State Control

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