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### Should machinery be "CE Marked", and if so, how do we go about it?



The short answer to the above question is "Yes".

- If you are buying machinery, you need to make sure that the supplier has met his obligations, otherwise you will have to meet them.
- If you are the supplier, then you have to go through the process described below. Don't worry, it need not be complex.

What is commonly called "CE Marking" applies to all equipment supplied for first time use in the EU.

\* The manufacturer is normally accountable for ensuring that this process is followed

\* For equipment imported into the EU, the importer is accountable

\* It applies even if the equipment is for self use

\* It applies to all machinery supplied for first time use within the EEC after 1 Jan. 1995, even if the equipment is older than this.

For the majority of equipment, the process is one of self-certification (there is no "CE Inspector").

Failure to follow this process can lead to fines. In cases where equipment is exported to other EU countries, it can also result in equipment being held at customs. Whilst it is primarily an EU requirement, SSS have been asked to provide support for equipment being exported to non-EU countries.

If you are an agent, then you may be deemed to be the supplier. In the end, it is the end user who carries the can, and a company who buys machinery without a CE mark and supporting files is open to prosecution, either under the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations.

## Requirements

The applicable regulations are the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008. These require the manufacturer to:

- Design and build the equipment so that it complies with appropriate essential health and safety requirements (EHSR's) and harmonised European standards (HES's)
- Assess the equipment for conformity with EHSR's and HES's
- Be able to compile a technical file proving conformance
- Draw up a declaration of conformity and affix the CE mark to the equipment

Where the machinery is imported for first time use into the EU, the importer has the obligation for doing this.

## Benefits to your company of using SSS

SSS provide services to help with this, ranging from verifying that the applicable EHSR's and HES's have been met through to design support, based on our wide experience in machine design and safety. As a result of the services provided by SSS, the supplier will:

- Have a report listing all applicable clauses in EHSR's and HES's (see below) which forms a significant part of the technical file.
- Have design input where there are problems meeting any of the above
- Have a declaration of conformity, which is the certification that the supplier must provide.
- Be legally able to affix the CE mark to the machinery

## Services provided

SSS provide a service where we:

- Assess which EHSR's and HES's are relevant to the equipment.
- Consider each applicable clause within the EHSR's and HES's and state how this is met.
- Where an applicable clause is not met, we would normally make recommendations on how this could be met by reasonable and practicable means.
- Include an assessment to ISO 13849 Safety Related Control Systems which has recently been made mandatory. Some find that this can cause problems because of its complexity, but the SSS system simplifies this..
- Provide a risk assessment, if this has not already been done
- Provide a report with all of the above, which forms a significant part of the technical file. This can be supplied as a hard copy and a .pdf file.

- Provide a declaration of conformity.

SSS use a comprehensive and unique assessment system where each clause is listed and assessed if applicable.

SSS personnel are engineers and chartered health and safety practitioners and have a background in machinery and control system design and manufacture.

## Just what we need. Where do we go from here?

See [more details about CE marking](#) or click on the CONTACT US button to talk about your needs and how we can help.

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