

## **PART III CERTIFICATE OF SAFETY COMPLIANCE**

### **B.7 Certificate of safety compliance**

- (1) A certificate of safety compliance should be issued for each model of electrical product designed for household use and supplied in Hong Kong. Any person who supplies electrical products should ensure that all electrical products concerned are covered by valid certificates of safety compliance and are in compliance with the applicable safety requirements. The certificates should be made available within a reasonable period for inspection upon request by the Director.

Suppliers can exercise their own discretion on how to demonstrate the availability of certificates of safety compliance to the consumers.

- (2) A certificate of safety compliance should include the following information:
- (A) a reference number (the certificate and/or test report reference number);
  - (B) the name and model or type reference of the electrical product;
  - (C) the name and address of the manufacturer;
  - (D) the name and address of the person or company who requested testing of the electrical product;
  - (E) the international or national standard(s) to which the product was tested and found in conformity;
  - (F) the name, address, authorised signature and if applicable company seal of the recognized certification body or recognized manufacturer, as the case may be; and
  - (G) the date of certification.
- (3) A certificate of safety compliance should be provided in English or Chinese language. If the certificate is provided in other language, it should be accompanied by an English or Chinese translation of the information therein.
- (4) As one of the measures to make sure that the electrical products they supplied are covered by valid certificates of safety compliance, the suppliers may consider to obtain documentary proof from their supplying sources to confirm the availability of these certificates. Certified true copies of the certificates of safety compliance for each model of electrical products supplied are examples of such documentary proof.
- (5) An electrical product which is made up of a combination of more than one prescribed and/or non-prescribed products, e.g. extension unit, should be provided with :
- either - a single certificate of safety compliance to cover the whole product;

or - a number of certificates of safety compliance to cover the individual prescribed and/or non-prescribed products.

The electrical product as a whole should comply with the applicable safety requirements of the Regulation.

- (6) For a second-hand electrical product, which has not been modified since first supplied, the original certificate of safety compliance is still valid provided that the safety standard, to which the second-hand product conforms, has not been revised. If the safety standard has been revised, then the validity of the original certificate of safety compliance will depend on the circumstances listed in Section B.7(9) below. Suppliers who hire out electrical products should make sure that the products concerned fulfil the requirements of the Regulation and are covered by valid certificates of safety compliance.
- (7) For a second-hand electrical product for which it is unable to trace the original certificate of safety compliance, the suppliers will be expected to make all efforts to keep the relevant documentary proof that the electrical products they supplied are of second-hand. The suppliers should arrange qualified persons or registered electrical workers to carry out necessary tests to certify the safety level of these products before supplying them to the consumers. Guidelines on second-hand electrical products are shown in Annex 1 of the Notes.
- (8) If the electrical product has been modified or reconditioned, a new certificate of safety compliance is required. The suppliers are recommended to seek independent technical advice if they are not sure about the extent of change on the safety level of the product after reconditioning or modification work.
- (9) Suppliers should ensure that their electrical products conform to the latest safety standards as detailed in the Notes. There may be cases where residual stocks of electrical products exist, such that they are issued with the certificates of safety compliance with reference to some safety standards which have since been revised. These certificates of safety compliance for residual stocks, whether new or second-hand, will continue to be accepted unless the products made to the unamended standards pose unacceptable risks to the consumers.
- (10) The current safety standards will be revised or new safety standards will be published by relevant standards organizations from time to time. When there is any major change in the safety standards for household electrical products, EMSD will notify the trade of such change and initiate discussion with the trade on the time frame for adopting the new safety standards. Further details can be found at EMSD's website: <http://www.emsd.gov.hk>.