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The Conformity Assessment (CA) Workshop is the third of the Energy Efficiency Policy Workshop series, organised by the Asia Pacific Energy Research Centre (APERC). This one-day training was intended to support development of rational and robust energy efficiency policy across APEC. Delivered by APERC and CLASP, it took place alongside the APEC Expert Group on Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EGEE&C) 51<sup>th</sup> Meetings on 10 April, 2018 in Washington DC.

## Participating Organisations and Economies

**Expert Organisations**: International Federation of Inspection Authorities (IFIA), ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB), National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), Underwriter Laboratories (UL), CLASP.

**Participating Economies** (10 in total): Chile; China; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; United States; and Viet Nam.

## Objectives

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- Offer an introduction to CA, when and why to adopt different approaches, costs and benefits of each approach, as well as the risks or challenges that may arise with their implementation.
- Dive into more detail on the different components involved in CA testing, certification and accreditation – and ensure participants develop a clear understanding of their impacts on subsequent market surveillance and inspection programs.
- Invite speakers from certification bodies and test laboratories, as well as APEC regulators with well-defined certification processes, to share case studies of best practices and lessons learned.
- Encourage participants to work together to dig deeper into workshop topics.

## Workshop Overview

### Welcoming Remarks

Local economy host, Elena Thomas-Kerr, from U.S. Department of Energy welcomed the participants.

### **Opening Remarks**

EGEE&C Chair, Dr. Pengcheng Li from CNIS stressed three essential focus areas in energy efficiency – capacity building, financing and policy evaluation.

#### Introduction to the Energy Efficiency Policy Workshop series

Dr Kazutomo Irie from APERC introduced the policy workshop and the topic of CA.

#### **Session 1: Introduction to Conformity Assessment**

#### The Role of Conformity Assessment for Energy Efficiency

Nicole Kearney, CLASP

During this session the concept of CA, its role in energy efficiency policy, and goals and benefits for stakeholders were presented. Up to 25% of potential energy efficiency program savings can be lost through poor compliance and lack of enforcement.

CA is critical to assuring products perform as claimed, thereby safeguarding the anticipated benefits of energy efficiency regulations. Depending on the approach taken, CA can facilitate trade and provide regulatory compliance and public assurance. Governments can introduce aligned CA approaches to help reduce trade barriers, and industry can reduce delays and costs caused by having to test to different governments' testing and certification criteria.

A robust and well-resourced CA process can allow for lower investment in post-market surveillance, as there is higher confidence that products on the market are compliant.

#### **Conformity Assessment Best Practices and Approaches**

#### Lina Kelpsaite, CLASP

The presentation introduced best practices for CA, along with the benefits they bring to different parties when building CA requirements for energy efficiency. The differences between CA approaches were discussed, including when 1<sup>st</sup> party, 2<sup>nd</sup> party and 3<sup>rd</sup> party CAs are appropriate.

The 1<sup>st</sup> party approach, which relies on the supplier confirming compliance with standards with a Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC), allows the manufacturer to choose where to have a product tested – at an in-house, unaccredited, or 3<sup>rd</sup> party test lab. Given the lack of independent oversight, the regulator may have to invest more in market surveillance activities once products are available on the market.

On the other hand, 3<sup>rd</sup> party CA provides a higher degree of confidence and trust, which can potentially lower market surveillance costs for the regulator. Therefore, 3<sup>rd</sup> party CA is most appropriate when the risks associated with non-compliance are high and there are limited resources to fund a market surveillance program.

Another benefit of 3<sup>rd</sup> party CA is that test results and certificates can be recognised internationally and through Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs), which can support trade and remove market barriers for industry and for governments. In the APEC region, economies primarily use either 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification, or 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing with SDoC.

#### Selecting Appropriate Conformity Assessment Approaches

Roberta Telles, International Federation of Inspection Authorities

This session introduced the conformity sector that conducts third party CAs, and guidance on selecting appropriate CA approaches.

There is a growing reliance on 3<sup>rd</sup> party CA due to outsourcing trends (CA bodies reduce compliance costs), international trade, emerging economies, and high infrastructure investment costs. 3<sup>rd</sup> party CA also helps mitigate risks, protect industry reputation, and reduce in-house compliance costs.

The required confidence level and risk mitigation needs determine which CA approach is selected. IFIA has developed a questionnaire to assist regulators in building CA requirements (table below).

QUESTIONS:	1 <sup>st</sup> Party	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party
Is the perceived risk high?	No	Yes
Are products regulated primarily manufactured in countries with a history of risk factors and other issues?	No	Yes
Are products manufactured in complex /fragmented supply chains?	No	Yes
Is there a documented history of industry non-compliance?	No	Yes
Is there evidence that product liability is an effective deterrent?	Yes	No
Do statutory provisions provide penalties and an effective deterrent?	Yes	No
Are there voluntary schemes that address confidence needs?	Yes	No
What are the societal risks of non-compliant products?	Low	High

A more robust approach delivers a higher level of confidence and compliance. IFIA's 2014-2016 Consumer Product Market Survey demonstrates that programs allowing SDoCs had 17% safety-critical failures<sup>1</sup> (mostly in EU), but less than 1% safety-critical failures were found under 3<sup>rd</sup> party CA programs.

### Session 2: APEC Economy Approaches to Conformity Assessment

## Conformity Assessment in the United States and the Case of Energy Star

#### Roger Muse, ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB)

This presentation focused primarily on accreditation bodies and processes, with emphasis on the importance of accreditation of a third party body to ensure its competence.

Regulators should consult stakeholders when building their CA process to ensure stringent requirements are set, but that the products subject to these requirements remain affordable. It is also important to address the misconception by manufacturers that testing costs are high when conducted in accredited labs.

The presenter provided an overview of the accreditation body and standard development framework. On the global level, ILAC oversees the accreditation of laboratories and inspection bodies; and IAF oversees the accreditation of management systems, products, services and personnel. Independent testing labs, certification bodies, industry and regulators can participate in drafting standards that are being developed and published by ISO.

The U.S. Energy Star program serves as a strong example of how 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing increases confidence of compliance. When the Energy Star program was launched, there was no 3<sup>rd</sup> party oversight. An evaluation identified numerous loopholes that allowed non-qualifying products into the program. As a result, the program transitioned to require 3<sup>rd</sup> party accredited testing.

<u>During the Q&A session</u> the process of the test report evaluation and certification was clarified. Manufacturers and importers must understand the scope of accreditation for the testing lab, as accreditation can cover broader characteristics than those necessary for compliance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Such as high risk of fire/permanent injury.

regulations. Conformity bodies can be accredited to a required standard (base requirements) and any necessary additional schemes.

#### The Conformity Assessment Process for Electrical Appliances in Mexico

Diana Patricia Anaya Tellez, CONUEE

This presentation provided an overview of the CA process for electrical appliances in Mexico.

The National Commission for Energy Efficiency (CONUEE) is responsible for developing energy efficiency standards and CA requirements, which are based on international standards. Mexico requires third party testing and certification for electrical appliances. There are 73 laboratories and 8 certification bodies accredited and approved by CONUEE.

The certification process for domestic appliances is as follows:

- 1. The manufacturer/importer submits certification request to the certification body.
- 2. The manufacturer/importer sends product to accredited and approved testing labs.
- 3. After the testing report is issued, the certification body evaluates whether the standards are met and issues the certificate.
- 4. The manufacturer/importer stamps the NOM Certification on the product and label the product prior to putting them on the market.

The Secretariat of Finance and Credit Public and Federal Consumer Protection Agency (Profeco) oversees market surveillance and inspects products on the market. When a noncompliant product is found, the seller/manufacturer/importer can be penalised, as defined in the Metrology Standards Law. Examples of penalties include confiscating products or withdrawal from the market. Compliance program costs are covered by the manufacturer/importer.

# Conformity Assessment and Compliance in New Zealand and Cooperation with Australia

#### Eddie Thompson, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA)

The collaborative Equipment Energy Efficiency (E3) Programme enables New Zealand and Australia to share the costs of regulation development and implementation. Both jurisdictions develop standards collaboratively to promote a single market, but implement them separately through domestic economy-wide regulations. New Zealand and Australia work together to implement monitoring, verification and enforcement efforts that benefit both economies, even though there is no formal agreement.

Products sold in both economies must be registered in the shared product registration database, which simplifies market monitoring efforts, and provides better consumer information and robust baseline data for further standard development and evaluation.

Both economies align targeting and verification of products on the market – if a product fails verification testing in Australia, New Zealand is notified and can take enforcement action. This approach works and suppliers are cooperating, even when the product has not been purchased or tested by New Zealand. Australia's enforcement team consists of 5 officers and 13 contractors, while New Zealand has only one officer. To check the products that are available on the market Australia spends about AUD 1 million and New Zealand – NZD 0.5 million.

#### Conformity Assessment for Energy Efficiency in Malaysia

Falisya Noor Azam, Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water

An overview of energy efficiency regulations and the CA process in Malaysia was presented.

Malaysia has MEPS for five domestic electrical appliances: refrigerators, air-conditioners, TVs, domestic fans, and lighting (fluorescent, CFL, LED and incandescent). These are reviewed every 3-5 years. The first four products are required to provide SIRIM-ST's energy label, and lighting products must show their efficacy value on the packaging. The regulators collaborate with manufacturers and industry associations to determine the energy rating minimum requirements.

The certification process for domestic appliances is as follows:

- 1. Regulated appliances must be tested by the manufacturer/importer in an accredited lab for safety and energy efficiency.
- 2. Once they receive the test report, the manufacturer/importer submits an application for Certificate of Registration.
- 3. The Energy Commission (regulator) issues a Certificate of Approval (CoA) when the product is approved for sale in Malaysian market.

Malaysia's government uses four approaches to promote energy efficient appliances: 1) discuss with all stakeholders whether incentive schemes are required; 2) create awareness; 3) disseminate information and solicit input on what needs to be regulated; and 4) conduct research and development to demonstrate and promote new technologies. Estimated energy savings since the program inception are 2,685 GWH.

### **Session 2 - Discussion**

Q1: How do regulators deal with the transition to more stringent MEPS when equipment in the market features the older or outdated energy star label? Who is responsible to remove the product or old label?

- Per Steve Margis from UL, the label adds most value when the product first enters the market.
- Malaysia works with distributors and manufacturers to remove old or non-compliant products from the market, or replace old labels.
- In New Zealand, new imported products need to have the newest label and comply with new regulation.

# Q2: How to deal with products that are supplied at low volumes? Should they be excluded from the regulations? What are appropriate CA requirements?

- Steve Margis from UL noted that all manufacturers, no matter how small they are, should meet the requirements. UL does not typically work with small manufacturers, but meeting the requirements for these small companies can be more difficult as they are less familiar with CA processes and perceive the costs to be too high.
- Kirk Anderson from NEMA emphasised the value of harmonisation, and how harmonised standards or global programs provide benefits to all and can reduce costs for actors entering multiple markets.
- In China, all products are regulated by existing MEPS regardless of supplied volume.

- Malaysia has harmonised standards with ASEAN. The challenge is to provide enough time for local manufacturers to implement changes in order to comply with ASEAN harmonised standards.
- In Japan, importers have to meet high standards. Industry associations play an important role to ensure that quality standards are met. Small manufacturers are outside of the current standards.

Q4: How does Top Runner use market readiness to set standards and MEPS?

• In Japan, the regulators set Top Runner standards that are higher than MEPS. Industry convenes study groups, which discuss plausible target standards that manufacturers can meet. They also have policy level discussions to support these targets.

Q5: How do regulators feel about investing upfront in CA programs (requiring more stringent verification at market entry) vs. great investment in market surveillance (post-market entry)?

• In New Zealand, the industry encourages the regulator to develop a robust compliance plan and program.

### **Session 3: Conformity Assessment Case Studies**

## Lighting Global Quality Assurance: A Voluntary Certification Program for Off-Grid Solar Home Systems and the Pre-Verification of Conformity Process

Ari Reeves, Lighting Global / CLASP

This session included an overview of the Lighting Global Quality Assurance (LG QA) program and its accomplishments.

LG QA is voluntary certification program for off-grid solar products with a goal to catalyse offgrid solar markets and mitigate risks for buyers. Buyers, distributors, development agencies and similar entities use LG QA standards to help identify quality products and quality companies. Currently, five accredited labs can test off-grid solar products using standard IEC TS 62257-9-5. If a tested product qualifies, the LG QA team adds the product to their website and sends the test report, standards specification sheet and verification letter to the manufacturer. These documents can be used to show regulators around the world that the products meet the quality standards.

A key part of LG QA enforcement is Pre-Verification of Conformity, during which the products are checked before import guarding against the introduction of unsafe, sub-standard, and counterfeit goods to the market.

Key success factors that help grow markets for quality products include:

- 1. Harmonised standards governments can do more when standards are harmonised. For example, four economies in East Africa have adopted standards that are harmonised with LG standards and are in talks to develop regional standards.
- 2. Competent labs LG QA requires accreditation, and provides continuous support to test labs seeking accreditation under the program.
- 3. It is important to have well trained CA experts so they know what to look for.
- 4. The CA process requires sampling of random products from the shipment.

- 5. Well-trained customs officials are essential and should be aware of regulated products.
- 6. There must be suitable penalties for selling non-conforming products to defer low quality products.

# The IECEE Global Motor Energy Efficiency Program: A Conformity Passport for International Trade

#### Kirk Anderson, National Electrical Manufacturers Association

The challenges of implementing economy-wide motor regulations include high costs to maintain the program, high uncertainty test methods, and trade barriers. Developing a lab and testing process from scratch is very difficult, especially in emerging economies. For example, the U.S. has only one lab that tests energy efficiency for motors. If the market is small, certain manufacturers may decide not to enter the market, which can result in a higher penetration of lower quality products.

A globally recognised conformity assessment program such as the IECEE Global Motor Energy Efficiency (GMEE) Program, which is based on the IECEE/CB Scheme, can help overcome these challenges. Through this program, qualified manufacturers can easily access markets in all participating economies. At an economy level, regulators only verify globally recognised test report and certification that are issued by accredited third party bodies. Manufacturers bear the cost of third party testing and certification.

The program is currently encouraging regulators to endorse the GMEE in their energy efficiency regulation. The GMEE program is easy to implement, has low maintenance costs, high level of confidence, and can especially benefit small economies that import motors. It also has a strong support from motor manufacturers. Potential next steps include developing a mechanism to easily identify of compliant products, and explore compliance, certification and enforcement (CCE) alignment.

### The Third Party Perspective: Application of Conformity Assessment Programs

#### Steven Margis, Underwriters Laboratories

This session provided a third party perspective on CA, with clarifications on the different processes and schemes involved. A scheme, which is a set of CA requirements, provides the roadmap to set standards for compliance and for compliance evaluation processes.

Because products need to meet many requirements before they are allowed on different markets, UL wants to take a strategic approach and simplify the compliance procedure by performing one product test for the manufacturer, offering a lower burden on industry. CA should provide a balanced approach with consensus standards, which are inclusive, transparent, and based on international standards. Additionally, pre-market assessment and certification, and post-market surveillance can jointly help to build a more robust compliance program.

The challenge is building a comprehensive program that provides high confidence in the CA process. The IEC CASCO toolbox framework can help set best practices. However, the biggest challenge is developing and implementing common test methods that support a global testing framework.

# Session 4: Determining Benefits and Pitfalls of Different Conformity Assessment Approaches

Participants split into two groups to discuss the design and implementation of CA processes, and to use the GMEE case study to explore how to implement a global CA program.

#### **Breakout Session 1 – Decision-Making and Implementation**

In this session, participants discussed CA procedures, implications for post-market compliance, implementation challenges and potential for improvement. The group focused primarily around the challenges to implementing third party CA programs in the ASEAN region and acceptance of results from foreign accredited test labs.

- Harmonising AC standards has been an ongoing effort in ASEAN collaboration (5+ years). Currently the implementation of standards is at different levels in various economies. Seeking agreements and commitments from all levels of government is the greatest barrier to achieving harmonisation and aligned CA processes – high level government officials need to convene, agree and commit both to harmonised standards and implementation, and to dedicate funding to the process. Another major challenge is building testing lab capacity in the region, including needed resources, qualified staff and technical capacity.
- Utilising established test laboratories, regardless of their location/geography even if they are outside ASEAN, could facilitate successful implementation of standards in the region. However, there are certain political or industrial interests that could hinder using this approach – some concerns were expressed that using foreign test laboratories may harm local business. Thus, before building domestic testing capacity, a solid business case is needed to ensure there will be sufficient value and revenue so the lab is self-sustainable in the long term. Regional cooperation can help to ease the burden of these large investment requirements.
- Japan noted that improving AC efficiency is mutually beneficial to all (government, manufacturers, consumers, etc.) and savings in energy efficiency improvements translate to money saved for the government.

# Breakout Session 2 – Case Study: The Global Motors Energy Efficiency (GMEE) Program

The discussion focused on pathways to global program implementation, benefits and challenges.

- The GMEE program has the value for both, the regulators and manufacturers. The
  motor industry has spent large sums of money over 30 years to conduct round robin
  testing to perfect the GMEE test method, which the regulators in APEC economies can
  simply adopt as program participants. GMEE program adoption could be very easy
  and especially beneficial for the smaller markets that rely on motor imports.
- Several challenges associated with the adoption of the GMEE program were raised:
  - Legislature changes are needed to allow participation in the global program (Chile)

- Some laboratories are lobbying against performing testing overseas (Chile); the economies want to build their own testing capacities to protect domestic interests and benefit from the programs (Viet Nam)
- Standard requirements adaptation of IEC standard in New Zealand might complicate CAs
- Political challenges if energy efficiency is not the priority for the current government then such program face increased challenges (U.S. and Chile)
- Lack of knowledge on how to adopt global programs more guidance and case studies needed
- Several opportunities were identified during the discussion:
  - If economies are eager to engage in shaping the global programs they can participate in the committees to influence the decision-making process
  - The change in legislation can only happen when there is a window of opportunity incorporate changes into the regulation during the revision process, which only happens cyclically (New Zealand)
- To address the above challenges, Kirk Anderson from NEMA suggested a modified pathway - if an economy adopts the GMEE global program, the program can support local test labs and work with them to build capacity (could take about 2-3 years). These labs could then seek accreditation to test to the GMEE process and deliver testing services for neighbouring or regional markets.

## Conclusion

The workshop consisted of a diverse and comprehensive training program, with insights from governments, as well as CA experts, associations, and implementing bodies (test lab and CA accreditation body). APEC participants left the workshop with a greater understanding and appreciation of:

- 1. The value of CA to compliance programs;
- 2. The different CA approaches available to them, and how to select an appropriate approach based on their market conditions and institutional frameworks;
- 3. The level of confidence provided by each approach and what the implications on their market surveillance efforts and budgets will be;
- 4. Lessons learned and best practices from CA approaches implemented in other APEC economies; and
- 5. A new global approach to CA, through the Global Motors Energy Efficiency program.

The workshop discussions revealed that post-market surveillance can be challenging and very resource intensive. For this reason, some economies have postponed their market surveillance efforts, which can increase the risk of non-compliant products entering the market. However, most APEC economies require some combination of third party testing and/or certification, which can itself lead to greater product compliance.

The lessons learned and shared in the workshop could help strengthen the conformity assessment process in some APEC economies, thereby enabling them to potentially reduce their investments and kick-start lower resource activities in post-market surveillance.

Through collaborative discussions in the breakout sessions, participants highlighted and considered the challenges raised by the regional harmonisation of AC standards in ASEAN and adopting global programs, such as the GMEE. The challenges vary from economy to economy. If more economies in the region were to adopt the third party CA approach, an aligned regional compliance network will become more feasible as economies can implement MRAs and potentially share test results and/or certification information.

This workshop provided APEC economies with an opportunity to come together and share their concerns, interests as well as identify the opportunities for collaboration. Potential next steps include:

- Bringing together APEC economies to discuss specific aspects of conformity assessment and compliance in more details;
- Facilitating further discussions on the development of aligned regional standards and compliance frameworks;
- Developing a follow up project to facilitate adoption of a global conformity assessment program, such as the GMEE, in several APEC economies.

## ANNEX

- Agenda
- Breakout session questions
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- CA one-pager



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## Energy Efficiency Policy Workshop Energy Efficiency Conformity Assessment

Bringing together policymakers and experts to understand and share national experiences on the conformity assessment process, as well as the different approaches to determining conformity for energy efficiency according to the individual conditions of each economy.

### 10 April 2018

#### Embassy Suites by Hilton Washington DC Convention Centre, United States

8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
Welcome and I	ntroduction to the Workshop	
9:00 - 9:05	Brief Introduction to the Workshop	Martin Brown Santirso, APERC
9:05 - 9:10	Welcoming Remarks by the Host Economy	Elena Thomas Kerr, US Dept of Energy
9:10 - 9:15	Opening remarks by the EGEE&C Chair	Pengcheng Li, CNIS
9:15 – 9:25	Introduction to the Energy Efficiency Policy Workshop series, the topic of Conformity Assessment, and Workshop Agenda	Dr Kazutomo Irie, APERC
Session 1: Int	roduction to Conformity Assessment	
9:25 - 9:40	The Role of Conformity Assessment for Energy Efficiency	Nicole Kearney, CLASP
9:40 - 10:00	Conformity Assessment Best Practices and Approaches	Lina Kelpsaite, CLASP
10:00 - 10:30	Selecting Appropriate Conformity Assessment Approaches	Roberta Telles, International Federation of Inspection Authorities
10:30 - 10:45	Tea and Coffee Break	
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11:35 - 12:00	Conformity Assessment and Compliance in New Zealand and Cooperation with Australia	Eddie Thompson, EECA
12:00 – 12:25	Conformity Assessment for Energy Efficiency in Malaysia	Falisya Noor Azam, Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water
12:30 - 13:00	Panel Q&A and Discussion	Moderated by CLASP



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#### 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

**Session 3: Conformity Assessment Case Studies** 14:00 - 14:20 Lighting Global Quality Assurance: A Voluntary Certification Ari Reeves, Lighting Programme for Off-Grid Solar Home Systems and the Pre-Global / CLASP Verification of Conformity Process The IECEE Global Motor Energy Efficiency Programme: A Kirk Anderson, National 14:20 - 14:40 Conformity Passport for International Trade **Electrical Manufacturers** Association 14:40 - 15:00 The Third Party Perspective: Application of Conformity Steven Margis, Assessment Programmes Underwriters Laboratories 15:00 - 15:20 Panel Q&A and Discussion Moderated by CLASP

15:20 - 15:40 Tea and Coffee Break

Session 4: Determining Benefits and Pitfalls of Different Conformity Assessment Approaches

Participants will break into smaller groups to discuss:

- Decision-Making: Determining conformity assessment procedures and implications for post-market compliance
- Implementation: Conformity assessment challenges and potential for improvement
- Case Study: The Global Motors Energy Efficiency Program – Potential for Implementation, Benefits and Challenges

 16:10 - 16:40
 Plenary Session
 Moderated by CLASP

 Presentations by Breakout Session Leaders and Group
 Discussion
 Moderated by CLASP

 16:40 - 16:50
 Summary of the Workshop, Potential Next Steps and Lessons
 Nicole Kearney, CLASP

16:50 - 17:00 Closing remarks

Dr Kazutomo Irie, APERC

**All Participants** 



## **Conformity Assessment Breakout Session Questions**

## **SESSION 1:** Decision Making - Determining conformity assessment procedures and implications for post-market compliance

- What are the challenges you face when determining conformity assessment for different product categories?
- How do you communicate different conformity assessment processes, and the standards required for different products to different regulators or border controls/customs?
- What role does industry play towards the design of national conformity assessment processes? How do regulators consider the burden of conformity on industry?
- What considerations are given to regional compliance and conformity assessment? Is there an opportunity to do more at the regional or global level, and how?

#### **SESSION 2: Implementation - Conformity assessment challenges and potential for improvement**

- What practical challenges do third parties face in implementation of different conformity assessment programs and government requirements?
- Are there different challenges anticipated per product category?
- What recommendations would third parties offer to improve conformity assessment at the national level?
- How can regional compliance and conformity assessment be facilitated, and is there an opportunity to do more at a regional or global level?

## **SESSION 3: Case Study - The Global Motors Energy Efficiency Program – Potential for Implementation, Benefits and Challenges**

- What benefits do you see coming out of joining this type of program?
- What challenges or barriers are there to signing up and adopting the program?
- What is the pathway to adopting this program at the national level?
- How do governments engage in decisions for evolution of the program? Is this done at a national level or through the IEC?
- Would economies benefit from a centralized market surveillance or compliance service, to facilitate coordination and alerts of non-compliant motors?



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Energy	Efficiency Conformity Assessment Definitions
Terminology	Definition
Accreditation	Procedure giving recognition that a body is competent to carry out specific tasks, such as testing and certification
Testing	Determining conformity of characteristics of a product according to a set procedure or test methods
Inspection	Examining a product to determine its conformity with specific requirements, through measurement, testing, or other evaluations
Auditing	Systematic, independent, documented process for obtaining relevant information and assessing them objectively to determine whether requirements are met
Certification	Procedure by which a third party or authorized body gives written assurance that a product conforms to specified requirements
Registration	Procedure used to register conformance to specified requirements
Surveillance	Conducting regular conformity assessment activities to maintain the validity of the statement of conformity
Supplier's Declaration of Conformity	Where a supplier gives written assurance that a product conforms to specified requirements



















1 <sup>st</sup> Party	r: Overview
Who	Manufacturer, importer/supplier
What	Provide Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC)
How	<ul> <li>Based on</li> <li>Manufacturers confidence in quality control system, and/or</li> <li>Results of testing, inspection, or audits undertaken by the manufacturer or other party</li> </ul>
When	<ul><li>Used in regulatory systems</li><li>As a prerequisite market entry</li><li>For establishing a legal responsibility on the supplier</li></ul>
Standard	ISO/IEC 17050: 2004 specifies requirements for SDoC



Benefits	Trade-friendly approach
Denents	<ul><li>Flexibility</li><li>Cost and time savings to the manufacturer/importer</li></ul>
Appropriate when	<ul> <li>Risk of non-compliance is low,</li> <li>Active and consistent market surveillance is in place,</li> <li>Suitable penalties are in place when nonconforming, products are placed on the market, and/or</li> <li>There are effective mechanisms in place to take the nonconforming products from the market.</li> </ul>

Who	Industry association, procurer, or product buyer/user performs assessment activities
How	Testing, inspection, auditing
When	<ul> <li>The buyer or user demands or allows it,</li> <li>There is a need to have a factual basis to make a determination of compliance.</li> </ul>
Example - 2	<sup>nd</sup> party inspection:
Parts Sup	plier Manufacturer
Critical	Component Meets Yes Product

Mha	Independent or accredited body	
WIIO	TESTING/INSPECTION	CERTIFICATION
	<ul><li>Testing lab</li><li>Inspection body</li></ul>	Certification body
How	<ul> <li>Testing by accredited test lab</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accredited body certifies product</li> </ul>
What	<ul> <li>Provide impartial test report</li> </ul>	Provide impartial certification
When	<ul> <li>In certification programs to assist in determining product compliance,</li> <li>By manufacturers to be used with SDoC.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In energy labeling and other programs.</li> </ul>





Benefits	<ul> <li>Broad confidence and trust</li> <li>International recognition</li> <li>Potentially lower market surveillance cost for regulator</li> </ul>
Appropriate when	<ul> <li>The risks associated with non-compliance are high,</li> <li>Limited resources to fully fund market surveillance programs,</li> <li>Need for an independent assessment that a product fulfils specified energy efficiency requirements.</li> </ul>




























<b>Considerations for Risk Assessment</b>				
QUESTIONS:	1 <sup>st</sup> Party	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party		
Is the perceived risk high?	No	Yes		
Are products regulated primarily manufactured in countries with a history of risk factors and other issues?	No	Yes		
Are products manufactured in complex /fragmented supply chains?	No	Yes		
Is there a documented history of industry non-compliance?	No	Yes		
Is there evidence that product liability is an effective deterrent?	Yes	No		
Do statutory provisions provide penalties and an effective deterrent?	Yes	No		
Are there voluntary schemes that address confidence needs?	Yes	No		
What are the societal risks of non-compliant products?	Low	High		

































































































## CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL (COA)



- Under the Electricity Regulations 1994, manufacturers, importers, exhibitors, sellers and advertisers of electrical equipment need to apply for a Certificate of Approval (CoA) from the Energy Commission
- The objective for the issuance of CoA under the Electricity Regulations 1994 is to ensure that all activities to manufacture, import, display, sale or advertisement of:

(a) any domestic equipment;(b) any low voltage equipment which is usually sold directly to the general public; or(c) any low voltage equipment which does not require special skills in its operation,

meets the specified safety and efficient use of electricity requirements.

- Any electrical appliances and electronic devices in the market will need to be tested in order to meet safety, performance and energy efficiency requirements.
  - (a) compatible to Malaysian electricity supply system;
  - (b) complying to standards;
  - (c) tested by accredited laboratory;
  - (d) labelled with SIRIM-ST's label.







Appliance	Testing Standard	Calculation Method	Malaysia Requirement and MEPS Standard
Refrigerator	<ul> <li>MS IEC 62552 (effective till end May 2018)</li> <li>MS IEC 62552 -1, MS IEC 62552 -2, MS IEC 62552 -3 (effective June 2018)</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>MS 2595:2014 (effective till end May 2018)</li> <li>Guide on Minimum Energy Performance Standards Requirements for Refrigerator (effective June 2018)</li> </ul>
Air Conditioner	MS ISO 5151 :2012	ISO 16358-1:2013 (effective June 2018)	<ul> <li>MS2597:2014 (effective till end May 2018)</li> <li>Guide on Minimum Energy Performance Standards Requirements for Air Conditioner With Cooling Capacity &lt;=7.1kw (effective June 2018)</li> </ul>
Domestic Fan	MS 1220		MS 2574:2014
Television	MS IEC 62301 & IEC 62087		MS 2576:2014
Lighting	MS 62612, MS IEC 60061-1, MS IEC 60064, MS IEC 60081, MS IEC 60901, MS IEC 60969		MS 2598:2014
Washing Machine (will be implemented in September 2018)	MS IEC 60456;		Guide On MEPS Requirement for Washing Machine











CONCLU	ISION: BASIC APP	PROACHES TO PROMOTE EE	MINISTRY OF ENERGY, CREEN TECHNOLOGY AND WATER
	Economic measures	• Implement efficient energy pricing, provide fiscal incentives, consumer behaviour	
	Persuasive measures	Create awareness/interest and disseminate information	
	Prescriptive measures	Prescribe and regulate technical standards and guidelines	
	Research, development and demonstration	• Develop, demonstrate and commercialize new technologies and measures	
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57 Companies with QV Products					
<ul> <li>AEG International</li> <li>All Solar</li> <li>All Weather Solar Technology Co</li> <li>Amped Innovation PBC</li> <li>Anji DaSol Solar Energy Science &amp; Technology Co., Ltd.</li> <li>Azuri Technologies, Ltd.</li> <li>Barefoot Power Pty Ltd</li> <li>BBOXX Ltd</li> <li>BioLite Inc.</li> <li>Bright Products</li> <li>Brighterlite</li> <li>CAA Communications And Accessories Int GmbH</li> <li>d.light design</li> <li>EcoZoom</li> <li>fosera GmbH &amp; Co. KGaA</li> <li>Freeplay</li> <li>Greenlight Planet Inc.</li> <li>Jua Energy</li> <li>Lagazel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Little Sun GmbH</li> <li>Mibawa Suppliers Ltd.</li> <li>M-KOPA Solar</li> <li>Mobisol</li> <li>MPOWERD Inc.</li> <li>Nadji.Bi Group</li> <li>Niwa - Next Energy Products Ltd.</li> <li>Nokero</li> <li>NRS Enlight FZE</li> <li>Nuru Energy</li> <li>Off Grid Electric</li> <li>Off-Grid Solutions BV</li> <li>OffgridSun (Futurasun)</li> <li>Ofmivoltaic Energy Solutions (Marathoner CLP (Toomeen Solar)</li> <li>One Degree Solar</li> <li>Orb Energy Private Limited ("Orb")</li> <li>ovSolar (Omnivoltaic Power Company Limited)</li> <li>Panasonic</li> <li>Philips</li> </ul>	Poly Solar Technologies (Beijing) Co., LTD RAL Consumer Products Ltd. Renewit Solar Limited Schneider Electric Industries SAS Shamba Technologies Shanghai EASY Renewable Energy Co. Shenzhen Solar Run Energy Co. Ltd. Skypower Home Solarway SolarWorks! (NTL-Lemnis Holding B.V.) Speedtech Energy Team Planet Third Wave Power True Solar USA Inc Villageboom Yingli Green Energy Europe GmbH Zimpertec			




Off-Grid Solar Test Laboratory	Location	ISO 17025 Accreditation for IEC/TS 62257-9-5
Schatz Energy Research Center (SERC)	California, USA	Yes
<u>Shenzhen Academy of Metrology and</u> <u>Quality Inspection</u> (SMQ)	Shenzhen, China	Yes
Intertek Hong Kong	Kowloon, Hong Kong	Yes
Solar Lighting Laboratory The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)	New Delhi, India	Yes
University of Nairobi – The Lighting Laboratory (UoN-LL) Institute for Nuclear Science & Technology	Nairobi, Kenya	Yes





Standardized Specification Sheet		Verification Letter or "Type Approval"	
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1 candle or kerosene wick lamp = approximately 10 lumens		Lighting Clobal Quality Assurance	

# Develop Institutions / Aid Agencies

User	How Lighting Global Quality Assurance Is Used
International Finance Corporation	Product producers must have at least one QV product to gain access to IFC's business development services and co-marketing opportunities
World Bank	Philippines SHS & pico-solar installation project and Vanuatu SHS program use QV as eligibility requirement for bidders. Solar lamp lending library program in Burkina Faso requires QV.
UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)	Requiring that products meet Lighting Global Quality Standards for a major tender to distribute 500,000 solar lights per year in refugee camps (over 3 years).*
Energising Development (EnDev)	Deals only with QV products for financing schemes in Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, and Benin.
Ethiopian Development Bank	Working capital facility investments available only for QV products.

Buyers / Distributors		
How Lighting Global Quality Assurance Is Used		
Uses LG QA as a screening tool when deciding which products to market to its network of farmers across six countries.		
Advises financial institutions to only provide loans for LG QV products. Has worked with more than 15 FIs across East Africa, India, and Mongolia.		
Distributes only LG QV solar products across Africa.		
Network of last mile saleswomen who sell a variety of goods. All solar products must be LG QV.		
Distribution company in India that exclusively markets LG QV solar products.		
Energy distribution company that relies on LG QA to help screen solar product offerings.		

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Country	Quality Standards for Pico-PV Products	Quality Standards for SHS Kits	Degree of Harmonization	Compliance Program
Afghanistan	Entered into Force (Voluntary)		Fully Harmonized as of November 2017	
Ethiopia	Entered into Force (Mandatory)	Entered into Force (Voluntary)	Fully Harmonized as of January 2016	Under Development
India	Entered into Force (Mandatory)	Entered into Force (Mandatory)	Not Harmonized	Unknown
Kenya	Entered into Force Under Consideration for Revision (Mandatory)	Under Development	Fully Harmonized as of February 2015	Under Development
Nigeria	Under Development			
Rwanda	Entered into Force (Mandatory)	Under Development	Fully Harmonized as of 2013	Unknown
Tanzania	Entered into Force (Mandatory)		Fully Harmonized as of September 2017	Under Development
EAC	Under Development			
ECOWAS	Under Development			

### **QA** Activities

- Manage test methods and quality standards
  - Conduct research and give input on test methods
  - Conduct research and give input on quality standards
- Test labs
  - Build capacity
  - Provide ongoing support
  - Third-party product quality verification
    - Provide credible third-party review of sampling and test reports
    - Test products obtained from the market to ensure that products that claim to meet the global standards really do
- Advise producers on how to make better products
  - Give general guidance in Technical and Eco Design Notes
  - Give model-specific guidance in a cover letter for each product tested
- Help governments adopt, implement, and maintain harmonized global standards
- Advise other institutions on how to use the global standards
- Engage with stakeholders of all types on quality









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### **Conformity Assessment for Energy Efficiency: An Overview**

Up to 25% of potential energy efficiency program savings are lost through poor compliance and lack of enforcement. The process of conformity assessment helps protect these savings by ensuring that products meet their energy efficiency program requirements. Specifically, the International Standards Organization and the International Electrotechnical Committee (ISO/IEC 17000:2004) define conformity assessment as a:

### "demonstration that specified requirements relating to a product, process, system, person or body are fulfilled"

Conformity assessment can be conducted by three different parties and approaches:



**First Party** Conducted by supplier to selfdeclare conformity

Provide Regulatory Confidence

Assure Public and Customer



Second Party Conducted by the purchaser or user to check conformity

Third party Conducted by independent entity to prove conformity

#### Conformity assessment is used to:

Facilitate Trade



#### Conformity assessment should follow best practice:

- Procedures should be open and transparent
- Ensure competence of the assessment body
- Ensure adequacy and appropriateness of the standards
- Incorporate stakeholder consultation
- Minimize inconvenience and costs
- Provide effective and prompt communication
- Requirements and procedures should foster trade

Conformity assessment is used to evaluate whether a product meets specified energy efficiency requirements. Different conformity assessment activities are used in each stage of the process:



### **Conformity Assessment Approaches and Considerations**

	1st Dorty	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party		
	1°° Party	Testing	Certification	
Who	Manufacturer, importer/supplier	Independent or accredited body		
What	Provides Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC)	Provides impartial test report	Provides impartial certification	
How	Based on manufacturers confidence in quality control system and/or results of testing, inspection, audits	Product tested by accredited test lab	Accredited body certifies product	
When	<ul> <li>Prerequisite for market entry</li> <li>Legal responsibility is with the supplier</li> </ul>	<ul><li>For certification programs</li><li>In support of SDoC</li></ul>	<ul><li> Prerequisite for market entry</li><li> Energy labeling</li></ul>	
Benefit	<ul><li>Flexibility</li><li>Cost and time savings to industry</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Broad confidence and trust</li> <li>Recognized internationally</li> <li>Cost and time savings for regulator</li> </ul>		
Used when	<ul> <li>Risk of non-compliance is low</li> <li>Well resourced market surveillance in place</li> <li>Self-declaration is sufficient</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Risk associated with non-compliance is high</li> <li>Limited market surveillance resources</li> <li>Independent assessment needed to ensure energy efficiency requirements are met</li> </ul>		

## **Questions for Selecting Conformity Assessment Approach**

	Questions	1 <sup>st</sup> Party	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party
1	Is a high level of confidence required?	No	Yes
2	Is the perceived risk high?	No	Yes
3	Are products primarily manufactured in countries with a high-risk history?	No	Yes
4	Are products manufactured in complex and fragmented supply chains?	No	Yes
5	Is there a documented history of industry non-compliance?	No	Yes
6	Is there evidence that product liability is an effective deterrent?	Yes	No
7	Do regulatory provisions provide penalties and an effective deterrent?	Yes	No
8	How strong is the need for impartiality and independence?	Low	High
9	Are there voluntary, market driven schemes to address confidence needs?	Yes	No
10	What are the societal risks of non-compliant products?	Low	High
11	Who bears the costs of market surveillance?	Primarily regulator	Private sector
12	How likely is the need for recall or corrective action?	More likely	Less likely

Source: IFIA, Considerations in Selecting Methods of Conformity as Part of Regulatory Scheme Framework – DRAFT, 2018