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All Customers – Gulf ("G") Marking of Product (Revised)

## Subject: GSO GCC Certification Tracking System

Ref: A. GSO letter dated 26 June 2016 (Attached)

Dear Customer,

To assist customers' further, information and clarification gained from a live webinar meeting (GSO NB forum) held on 30 June 2016 is priority the reason for this revised communication in respect to the original notification letter sent dated 26 June 2016.

Received instructions (Ref: A.) on 26 June 2016 advising a go live date of the G mark Certificate Tracking System. (Product Registration Database) From 01 July 2016, the letter in question makes reference to a transition period for product and certificate mandatory marking requirements pre / post 01 July 2016 which is self – explanatory, see Ref: A.

Intertek will be required as instructed by the GSO to update already issued certificates by reissue to the new format (QR code mapping embedded) and register each certificate (by product model) onto the Certificate Tracking System at a cost of SR 500 per certificate, this fee will be charged by the Notified Body as this fee is directly transferred by payment direct to the GSO, this fee of SR 500 will be charged per registered certificate annually to maintain the QR code index link.

The engaged Intertek Notified Body administration will bill this amount (SR 500 per registered certificate) annually, then transfer the amount directly to the GSO accordingly.

For the update of the previously issued certificate and reissue to the new format, Intertek will levy an administration charge of \$50.00 per certificate.

## \*Note: In accordance from instructions received a certificate will not become valid until payment to the GSO has been received and verified.

## \*\*Note Certificate registration (SR 500) is free of charge up till 30 September 2016

Intertek will endeavour to issue new updated certification to the new format as a matter of urgency

In summary, further to the above, please note that a transition period of six months has been allocated for mandatory product / certificate marking, in that:

Pre 01 July 2016, Certificates issued shall display the G mark and Notified Body numerals / QR code - mandatory, on the product G mark – mandatory, the QR code / G mark with Notified Body numerals affixed to product voluntary.

Post 01 July 2016, Certificates issued shall display the G mark and Notified Body numerals / QR code – mandatory, on the product G mark – mandatory, the QR code / G mark with Notified Body numerals affixed to product – voluntary.

January 01 / 2017, issued Certificates and Product shall display the G mark and Notified Body numerals / QR code – mandatory, product marking with QR code and G mark with numerals - mandatory.



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For further assistance regarding this instruction please contact the Notified Body in your region or country you are affiliated with

Yours Sincerely

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Bruce McGill Vice President, Global Certification

Example Product Marking: Pre Jul 01 / 2016:







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Example Product Marking Post Jul 01 / 2016





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Note: The QR code when affixed to the product does NOT have to be adjacent to the G Mark as shown but can be placed away from the G mark to an another visible area of the product