

SME REQUIREMENTS IN CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION

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NORMAPME

- Created 1996
- Conclusion of long Process
- Berlin SME conference
- EC contribution ~ 4 M € committed till 2008
- UEAPME ~380 K
- 14 Full and 1 associate members
- 12M SME members

MEMBERSHIP

- UEAPME
- Construction, Roofers, Heating-Ventilation-Air cond., Wood, Anchors, Reflective Insulation
 - Dental labs
 - Metals
- Tyre Retreaders
 - ICT SMEs
- Water Parks
- Other: Dry cleaners, Young Entrepr., Women Entrepr.

ACTIVITIES

- Participate in the work of 18+TCs
- Co-ordinate SME positions
- Inform SME organisations
- Present positions on legislation affecting standardisation
- Train SME experts
- New projects

RESULTS

- Dentistry
- Windows
- Qualification of construction enterprises
- Building anchors
- ISO 22000
- Reflective Insulation Products
- Creation of active participation attitude by SMEs
- Assist SMEs to organise themselves

ISSUES OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION

- Global Approach has established the use of ISO 9000 management standards as integral part of CE Marking
- Market pressures have spread the need for conformity assessment
 - Market forces have established complex systems of management, conformity assessment and certification as the only available ones
- Excessive inspection minimum requirements have been decided for small and micro enterprises
 - IAF guidelines
- Strong influence of certifiers, laboratories and consultants in standardisation

REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS OF CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION

- Package on Marketing of Products
- Accreditation of simple certification systems
- Accreditation of collective sectoral certification systems
- Accreditation of collective laboratories and certification organisations
- Ensuring the use of proportionality of conformity assessment

REQUIREMENTS

- (9a) it shall verify that conformity assessments are carried out in an appropriate manner, meaning that unnecessary burdens are not imposed on undertakings and that due account is taken of the size of the undertaking, the sector in which it operates, the structure of the undertaking, the degree of complexity of the product technology in question and the mass nature of the production process;

