

Principle resolution for implementation of test regulations of the EK 1

In addition to the points in ZEK-GB-2004-04 rev. 2 the EK 1 has fixed the following determinations:

Due to the current test activities of the test houses, the EK 1 very often is obliged to make determinations and recommendations for consistent implementation on short notice without being able to wait for the official procedures via the standardization committees.

Thereby the following cases can occur:

- decisions for the unification of the test and measuring procedure
- decisions about binding interpretation of a standard section for which different interpretations were used up to now
- decisions about new additional safety-relevant test requirements for special products

Subject to other official decisions in individual cases generally the following classifications apply, which the EK 1 in each resolution must classify accordingly:

A-category – Direct hazard

The safety of the products is directly affected.

The implementation is carried out directly starting from adoption of resolutions, existing certifications are to be cancelled immediately and without notice.

B-category – Indirect hazard

An indirect hazard is eliminated by the decision.

Existing certifications do not fulfil the contents of the decision in its entirety.

Implementation starting from adoption of resolution; also running test and certification procedures must consider this resolution. Existing certificates have to be cancelled within 3 months (with a period of notice of 3 months maximum).

C-category – Test harmonization/safety increase

The decision is to guarantee that all test houses in future will conduct their tests according to the same standard, or the safety of the products will be increased. Nevertheless, old products still fulfil the minimum requirements.

Implementation at the latest after 3 months starting from adoption of resolutions, in order to be able to complete current tests.

Considering the test principle (DOC/DOW), existing certificates can be running up to the end of the 5 years cycle.

Definition of adoption of resolution:

Date of the distribution of the results of the survey or of the EK1 meeting at which the decision was taken.

Updating of resolutions:

Decisions are reviewed 3 years after they are made, at the next EK1 meeting with regard to necessity or need for revision. The next review will again be conducted after 3 years.