

RE: Post-Brexit EU ATEX Type Examination certificates and Production QAN certificates for ESI pressure transmitters.

ESI has arranged with the two Notified Bodies that have issued ATEX certification for ESI pressure transmitters, that in the event of a no deal Brexit they will automatically transfer existing ATEX Type Examination certificates and QAN certificates to their mainland European offices and thus retain their NB status.

This will mean that there will be ongoing continuity for all ESI pressure transmitter ATEX approvals throughout the Brexit period and after the United Kingdom leaves the European Union on the 29th March 2019, should this take place.

Statements from both Notified Bodies are as follows...

Our plan for a “no-deal” Brexit is that active Element UK ATEX EU Type Examination certificates and Quality Assurance Notifications will be transferred to our new Element ATEX notified body in the Netherlands. This new notified body has already passed its Dutch accreditation assessment (RvA ISO IEC 17065 accreditation number C 654) and, like several other UK notified bodies, is now awaiting administrative approval to obtain the notified body number. At this stage we are dependent upon the Dutch government to complete the notification process.

We are planning to complete the transfer of certificates on Wednesday 27 March 2019, or as soon after that date if notification has not been granted by the Dutch government before 27 March 2019. Please note that a transfer will only take place in the event of a “no-deal” Brexit, or under another situation where the current UK notified body certificate is invalidated by virtue of Brexit. Otherwise the current UK ATEX certificates will remain valid for the EU market. Element will take the decision to complete a transfer of all registered certificates as soon as it becomes clear that the certificates would otherwise be invalidated.

CSA Group has commenced the process of creating ‘replacement’ ATEX certificates for a potential certificate transfer in the case of a “no-deal” Brexit.

This project is underway with a dedicated team and is progressing to plan. This replacement certificate would keep your existing Sira ATEX product certificate number, and have the details of our alternative ATEX Notified Body listed.

In the scenario of a no-deal Brexit, our plan is to open an alternative Notified Body in the Netherlands. We have received accreditation from RvA (the Dutch Notifying Authority) which is displayed here: <https://www.rva.nl/en/accredited-organisations/new-accreditations>. We are now in the administrative process of awaiting our NB number from the Dutch Ministry and European Commission, and will advise the specific date as soon as it is available.

In a no-deal scenario, we would re-issue ATEX certification through our alternative Notified Body. Should an orderly Brexit occur, then a transition period will commence and Sira will maintain its EU Notified Body status through this transaction. In this event we would not need to re-issue your certification.