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1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

ASEFA is an accredited Certification Body according to ISO/IEC 17065, and is responsible for implementing the E.V.READY Certification Process.

Pursuant to the E.V.READY Mark Rules, the Owner of the Mark authorizes ASEFA to manage the Right to Use the E.V.READY Mark. As such, ASEFA is empowered to grant or not the Right to Use the Mark to an Applicant, to suspend or withdraw this Right to a Beneficiary.

The Management Committee of ASEFA delegates the responsibility for certification activities, according to ISO/IEC 17065, to ASEFA "Certification Officers".

The present Rules are intended to establish the procedures applicable to the different processes required by the implementation of the E.V. READY Certification Process enabling the Right to Use the E.V.READY Mark to be granted.

For that purpose, ASEFA initially conducts the following ASEFA processes:

- An ASEFA type 5 Certification for Manufacturers of products intended to bear, upon completion of the Installation process, the E.V. READY Mark.
- An Authorization of the Installers of those products intended to bear the E.V.READY Mark after obtaining the ASEFA type 5 Certification.

Pursuant to the E.V. READY Mark Rules, the reference document of these Rules is constituted by the E.V. READY Certification Technical Specification.

The present Rules are communicated to any applicant accompanied by the E.V.READY Mark Rules and the E.V. READY Certification Technical Specification.

An applicant shall abide to all these documents.

2 DEFINITIONS

Under the processes used for granting the Right to Use the E.V. READY Mark, the following definitions are applied in conjunction with the E.V.READY Mark Rules definitions.

Admissibility: State of a folder that allows to consider that all available elements of the application can permit or not to begin the Certification Process.

Application: Document by which an applicant requests an ASEFA Certificate/Authorization and/or an E.V. READY License, declares having received and understood the Mark Rules, the ASEFA Certification Rules, and undertakes to respect them.

ASEFA Certification Rules for E.V. READY: Refers to this document which specifies the conditions under which the different processes are conducted by ASEFA. This document meets the criteria for accreditation according to ISO/IEC 17065 or any other document that would replace it.

Commercial Range: Series of equipment having the same basic trade designation. They usually have a similar presentation but different dimensions and powers.

E.V. READY Mark Rules: This document defines the guiding principles and details the modalities of management and the conditions for granting and following up the E.V. READY Mark. It is issued and endorsed initially by the Owner of the Mark E. V. READY and then by the E.V. READY Mark Committee which includes the Rules and its Annexes. This document must be given by the Certifying Body, to new applicants of the Right to use the Mark.

E.V. READY License (Right of use): This License acknowledges the conformity of the installation to the Mark Rules and to the E.V. READY Certification Technical Reference Specification. The first certified installation, relating to a site, initiates the granting of the Right to Use the Mark to the Applicant who becomes then a Beneficiary. The License is linked to the site.

The first non-compliance regarding the non-respect of the Mark Rules and of the present Certification Rules allows the ASEFA to suspend or withdraw this Right.

Identification File (ID): Data Set and characteristics that uniquely identify the product or product range covered by the certification.

Listed Product Certificate: It is an ASEFA type 5 Certificate issued by ASEFA. It certifies:

- The conformity of the product or range of products to the Technical Reference Specification and to the present ASEFA Certification Rules for E.V. READY,
- The initial capacity of the Manufacturer(s) to produce the product(s) presented to certification,
- The follow-up of the ability of the Manufacturer's factory or factories to produce products identical to the one(s) presented to Certification,
- The products once certified are listed by ASEFA and designated as Listed Products.

Manufacturer: Designates any legal entity having the control of the manufacturing steps, the checking, the verification, the handling and storing of a product that has been certified by the Certification Body in accordance to the Mark Rules and Certification Rules.

3 PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A LISTED PRODUCT CERTIFICATE

3.1 Type of application

An application for an ASEFA type 5 Certificate may be made for a product or a product line as part of an initial certification or an evolution due to a change.

3.2 Presentation of the request

The type 5 Certificate application must be sent to ASEFA. It must be made within the timeframe specified in the Certification Technical specification.

3.3 Content of a Certification application Folder

Each product/product range presented for certification shall be subject to a certificate application, using the form ASEFA: type 5 Certificate Application, accompanied by an identification file.

The identification file is a contractual document intended to provide data which knowledge is necessary to describe the main characteristics of the product presented to the Certification.

It includes the identification of the product (s) such as:

- Overall drawing,
- List of drawings including hardware plan numbers, indices, dates,
- Photographs of the equipment, drawings or other spatial representations,

- List of nomenclatures to obtain traceability of all components of the product, including any software,
- Complete reproduction of the name plate (s), production numbers or lot or batch date,
- Installation instructions,
- Operating instructions, maintenance and end of life treatment,
- Declaration of identity of the product to other products manufactured, issued by the applicant,
- List of possible certification against standards with publishing dates for the equipment submitted to certification.

During an initial request to the ASEFA, the certification process, in order to issue a type 5 ASEFA Certificate that establishes compliance of the product to the Technical Reference Document see Relevant Annex requests the signature, by the applicant, of a commitment to respect the rules of the Mark Rules, the Certification Rules and to present to certification non-infringing product.

The Commitment document must be returned by the applicant to ASEFA, dated and signed with the words "read and approved". It is bearing the stamp of the company.

The commitment by the applicant is valid for future claims, as long as no section of the commitment is modified.

The ASEFA Certification Rules for E.V. READY are public and available on the website ASEFA.

3.4 Certification process

The process relates to the products presented for Certification for the first time and when the applicant is not known by ASEFA. The process for companies whose products are already certified may be reduced on a case by case, by mutual agreement between the applicant and ASEFA.

3.4.1 Application review

ASEFA verifies that the application file is complete. It verifies that the product submitted for certification meets the applicable requirements of the Certification Technical Specification and of the present ASEFA Certification Rules.

3.4.2 Evaluation

3.4.2.1 Tests

The admission tests are conducted from the program established or approved by ASEFA according to the Certification Technical Specification and the present ASEFA Certification Rules.

These tests are performed in laboratories approved by ASEFA and respecting its rules. Test results are subject to a test report (TR) relating to product representative of the production.

Note: In case of specific requirement to components (e.g. connectors) the applicant may provide an ASEFA Certificate for the component. After verification of the certificate acceptability (traceability, requirement tested ...) the test program can be amended to take into account this certificate.

Verification of declarative documents content

For documents for which this procedure is applicable, the verification results in the issuance of a Verification Report of the Content (VRC) limited to listing their title and presence.

Issuing a Final Technical Report (FTR)

All reports are collected in a synthetic document which constitutes the Final Technical Report.

3.4.2.2 Preliminary Factory Inspection

A preliminary visit is conducted to inspect the factory or each factory of the Manufacturer in charge of manufacturing the product. A Factory Inspection Report (FIR) is issued for each Factory. The Factory Inspections are conducted according to the relevant CENELEC documents (e.g. CIG 023 for the factory audit/inspection) or the equivalent documents from IECCE. The preliminary factory inspection shall also demonstrate that each factory has put in place the Routine Tests as specified in the Certification Technical Specification.

3.4.3 Certification review

This assessment is conducted to allow the final decision (i.e.: Refusal, Acceptance under reserve, Acceptance). The Certification Officer makes a Certification recommendation to the President of ASEFA or his/her representative who then takes the decision.

3.5 Certification Decisions

3.5.1 For Admission

ASEFA takes into account the various reports that have been established in the process described above.

The following decisions may be taken by ASEFA following an application for Certification:

- 1) Decision to issue an ASEFA type 5 Certificate that confirms that the product submitted for certification is in compliance with the Certification Technical Specification and these Rules.
- 2) Decision not to issue the ASEFA type 5 Certificate. The applicant is informed of the reasons for that refusal. The applicant can make an appeal of the decision according to these Rules.

The Certification decision is taken by the President on proposal of ASEFA Certification Officer for the E.V. READY field.

3.5.2 For Follow-up

It consists, at least, in a yearly factory Inspection and associated sampling for check purpose, and whose purpose is to ensure that provisions are effectively taken to ensure that safety and performance of Listed Products are maintained. The effectiveness of the routine tests is checked. A Factory Inspection Report is issued.

It consists, also, in sampling of Listed Product on the Market. This is done locally and periodically under the responsibility (sampling and tests) of an ASEFA approved Third Party Test Laboratory.

After review by the Certification Officer (CO) this may lead to the following decisions:

- Supplementary factory Inspection(s). This decision can be taken directly by the CO,
- Suspension of the Certificate, on recommendation of the CO to the President of ASEFA who takes the actual decision,
- Withdrawal of the Certificate, on recommendation of the CO to the President of ASEFA who takes the actual decision.

The cancellation of a Certificate may be decided in special cases, particularly following a breach of the Mark Rules, of these Rules or at the request of the Holder of the Certificate.

The validity of a Certificate is limited by the provisions of the Mark Rules.

3.5.3 Document issued following a decision of Certification

A decision leads to the issuance of the appropriate document:

- Letter of refusal motivated,

- Letter of Acceptance under condition,
- ASEFA type 5 Certificate.

3.6 Changes

3.6.1 Changes relating to the Holder

The Applicant / Holder must report in writing to the Permanent Secretariat ASEFA any legal changes relating to his company or statutes.

ASEFA decides upon the modalities of a new acceptance. After review, the elements of the original application for certification will be considered when changes are affecting the holder.

If there are changes affecting a Holder, during the processing of an application, ASEFA decides upon the modalities of a new acceptance. However, in some cases and after review, the elements of the original application will be considered wherever applicable.

3.6.2 Application for modification(s) concerning the Listed Product

After examination, ASEFA judges the impact of changes on the conformity of the product and decides if any further testing is required.

3.6.3 Request for updating a Certificate

This is an application for a certificate for a product that has already been the subject of a certificate, following a possible evolution of the product and/or reference documents, or upon request of a demanding market a recent certificate, a certain period of time having possibly elapsed since the issuing of the current certificate.

The applicant must provide:

- A statement related to any changes in the product compared to the sample subject of the previous certificate,
- The updated identification file of relevant product.

ASEFA takes into account:

- Any changes in the product,
- Any possible changes in the certification reference document to decide the need for further testing.

After review of the compliance a new certificate will be issued on the basis of the previous certificate, the updated information and any additional evaluation done.

3.7 Identification of the Listed Products

The Holder of an ASEFA type 5 Certificate must fully identify the Listed Products so as to ensure traceability. This can be done by any technics chosen by the Holder. However, in any case, ASEFA or its representative shall be able to identify those products in the factory and when placed on the Market; therefore, the Holder shall communicate to ASEFA the traceability means that have been used.

Each product that has been certified is listed on the website of ASEFA in the appropriate section.

4 PROCESS FOR OBTAINING AN INSTALLER AUTHORIZATION (IA)

4.1 Type of application

An application for an Installer authorization (I) may be made by an organization or person as part of an initial certification or evolution due to changes.

4.2 Presentation of the request

The IA application using the ASEFA IA Application form must be sent to ASEFA or to its representative, including the appropriate documentation as described in the next paragraph.

4.3 Content of an application Folder

Each Installer presented for authorization shall be subject to an authorization application, using the ASEFA form with all the documents defined within the application form's checklist.

The application requests the signature, by the applicant, of a commitment to respect the rules of the Mark Rules, the Certification Rules and to present to certification non-infringing product.

The Commitment document must be returned by the applicant to ASEFA, dated and signed with the words "read and approved". It is bearing the stamp of the company.

The commitment by the applicant is valid for future claims, as long as no section of the commitment is modified.

4.4 Process

The process relates to Organization presented for authorization for the first time and when the company is not known by ASEFA.

The process for Organizations already authorized may be reduced on a case by case, by mutual agreement between the applicant and ASEFA.

4.4.1 Application review

ASEFA verifies that the application file is complete and that the Organization or the person submitted for authorization meets the applicable requirements of the Certification Technical Specification.

4.4.2 Evaluation

4.4.2.1 Verification of the capacity of the Installer

The evaluation is based on training and experience (installation done) of the Installer. The training has to be done according to the Certification Technical Specification.

Whenever possible, ASEFA verifies the control report(s) of the Installation(s) relevant to the Application.

ASEFA checks that the Installer operates in accordance with the Criteria set in the Certification Technical Specification.

ASEFA organizes, on a sampling basis, the supervision of installations in progress or inspection of already certified installations.

4.4.2.2 Conducting the Installer Audit

The audit is conducted according to the program established or approved by ASEFA based on the Certification Technical Specification.

The audit shall be performed by an auditor approved by ASEFA and respecting its rules. The audit results are reported in the Audit Report (AR).

The audit is conducted at the Head Office of the Installer and in an appropriate manner in the declared offices of its network. Only declared offices may then conduct installations.

4.4.3 Authorization of Installer / Temporary Granting-Granting-Suspending-Maintaining-Withdrawing-Renewal

After initial evaluation of the Installer and of its network to the compliance to these Rules and the Technical Reference Document, ASEFA issues the Authorization.

The Authorization is valid for 4 years but can be, any time suspended or withdrawn pending the supervision of the Installer operations, past or ongoing.

When the Installer has not yet issued any control report of the Installation, the authorization granting is only valid 2 years (Temporary Granting). If no installation compliant with the EV READY rules is done within these 2 years the Installer Authorization is withdrawn.

After four years the Installer is submitted to a renewal assessment. Moreover, over the four years, fractions of its declared network are assessed every year according to the Certification Technical Specification

4.5 Changes

4.5.1 Changes relating to the Holder

The Applicant / Holder must report in writing to the Permanent Secretariat ASEFA any legal changes relating to his company or statutes.

ASEFA decides upon the modalities of a new acceptance. After review, the elements of the original application will be considered when changes are affecting the holder.

If there are changes affecting a Holder, during the processing of an application, ASEFA decides upon the modalities of a new acceptance. However, in some cases and after review, the elements of the original application will be considered wherever applicable.

4.5.2 Request for updating an Authorization

This is an application for modification of an authorization that has already been granted, following a possible evolution of the Installer organization and/or reference documents.

The applicant must provide a statement related to any changes compared to the initial application. After review of the compliance a new authorization will be issued on the basis of the previous authorization, the updated information and any additional evaluation done.

4.6 Identification of the Listed Installer

Each Installer that has been authorized is listed on the website of ASEFA in the appropriate section.

5 PROCESS FOR OBTAINING AN E.V. READY LICENSE

An E.V. READY License is issued per site and the Right to Use the Mark is granted as of the first site is certified.

The affixing of the E.V. READY Mark is made at the time of installation.

It is agreed that a site is defined by the electrical meter powering the product(s) therein installed (One electrical meter = one location).

5.1 Type of application

An application for an “E.V. READY License” may be made by an applicant as part of an initial certification or evolution due to changes.

5.2 Presentation of the request

The E.V. READY License application must be sent to ASEFA or to its representative by using the relevant ASEFA application form.

5.3 Content of a License application folder

A License application folder shall contain the following:

- The commitment letter of the applicant (When it is the first application of the Applicant),
- One original application for the given site that is identified,
- All the ASEFA type 5 Certificates pertaining to the different types of equipment installed. These certificates shall be valid at the moment of the application.

The application requests the signature, by the applicant, of a commitment to respect the Mark Rules, the Certification Rules and to present to certification non-infringing product.

The Commitment document must be returned by the applicant to ASEFA, dated and signed with the words "read and approved". It is bearing the stamp of the company.

The commitment by the applicant is valid for future claims, as long as no section of the commitment is modified.

5.4 Processing of application

ASEFA checks that the Applicant is using a Listed Installer authorized for the products to be installed or already installed.

Then ASEFA verifies if the content of the Folder is in compliance with the Certification Technical Specification.

5.5 Final Decisions

The final decision to issue a License for a given site requests that the link between the Listed Products and the Authorized Installer is in compliance with the Certification Technical Specification.

Therefore, prior to granting the License, ASEFA must check with the E.V. READY Mark Committee that the applicant, only if it is already recognized as Beneficiary for previous installations, is up to date of its dues to use the E.V. READY Mark.

The actual non-payment of the dues to use the Mark is a sufficient reason for suspending or refusing the issuance of the License. The E.V. READY Mark Committee must give its decision as soon as possible. It may decide to, however, authorize the issuance of the License. Whatever the decision, the decisions of the E.V. READY Mark Committee shall always be documented and traceable.

This complete assessment by ASEFA is conducted to allow the decision (Suspension, Refusal, Acceptance under reserve, Acceptance) on the basis of all documents provided in the process described above and on the verification of the payment of the dues.

5.6 The validity of a Licence is limited by the provisions of the Mark Rules. Changes

5.6.1 Changes relating to the Holder

The Applicant / Holder must report in writing to the Permanent Secretariat ASEFA any legal changes relating to his company or statutes.

ASEFA decides upon the modalities of a new acceptance. After review, the elements of the original application will be considered when changes are affecting the holder.

If there are changes affecting a Holder, during the processing of an application, ASEFA decides upon the modalities of a new acceptance. However, in some cases and after review, the elements of the original application will be considered wherever applicable.

5.6.2 Request for updating a License

This is an application for modification of a License that has already been granted, following a possible evolution of the installation(s) and/or reference documents.

The applicant must provide a statement related to any changes compared to the initial application. After review of the compliance a new License will be issued on the basis of the previous License, the updated information and any additional evaluation done.

5.7 Identification of the Beneficiary

Each Beneficiary is listed on the website of ASEFA in the appropriate section.

5.8 E.V. Ready Mark use by the Beneficiary

Recipient of the right to use the E.V. READY Mark can use the brand in the strict framework of the identification, marketing, communication and institutional advertising and promotion of Products Installed as they were accepted by the Certification Body in the terms and conditions defined in the Rules of Use, provided that any other use of the Mark by the Beneficiary is expressly prohibited.

The Beneficiary is authorized to reproduce and affix the Mark on the Installed Products as they have been accepted by the Certifying Body, without changing, deleting, or altering in any way the brand, except with the express request of the Committee or Brand in this direction.

The Beneficiary is authorized to use the Mark on the documents and usual publicity material (brochures, magazines, displays, websites, newspaper ads, etc. ...) necessary for the promotion and marketing of the Product Installed as it was accepted and only as it was accepted by the Certifying Body.

In case of suspension or cancellation of License by ASEFA or Mark Committee, the recipient agrees to immediately cease using any materials outlining the certification and Brand. He agrees to return to ASEFA the original License and any other required documentation.

6 EVALUATION RESSOURCES

6.1 TESTING LABORATORIES FOR THE E.V. READY MARK

Testing for certification must be performed by ASEFA approved Testing Laboratories.

6.1.1 Cost of Assessment

Assessment/Re-assessment, Follow-up and supplementary Assessment(s) deemed necessary by ASEFA are covered by the Candidate or the ASEFA approved Testing Laboratory.

The associated costs are charged by ASEFA to the candidate or approved Laboratory. Associated costs cover travel and accommodation costs, fraction of travel time, preparation, day(s) of assessment, follow-up of corrective actions.

6.1.2 Contract

The respective commitments between ASEFA and an Approved Testing Laboratory are formalized contractually.

6.2 INSPECTION AND AUDIT BODY FOR THE E.V. READY MARK

Audit and inspection must be performed by an approved ASEFA Inspection and Audit Body.

6.2.1 Cost of Assessment

Assessment/Re-assessment, Follow-up and supplementary Assessment(s) deemed necessary by ASEFA are covered by the Candidate or the approved ASEFA Inspection and Audit Body.

The associated costs are charged by ASEFA to the candidate or approved Inspection and Audit Body. Associated costs cover travel and accommodation costs, fraction of travel time, preparation, day(s) of assessment, follow-up of corrective actions.

6.2.2 Contract

The respective commitments between ASEFA and an Approved Inspection and Audit Body are formalized.

6.3 TRAINING ORGANISATION FOR THE E.V. READY MARK

Training must be performed by an approved ASEFA Training Organization.

7 FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Certification fees are charged according to a previously accepted offer or according to the ASEFA EV READY price list.

They are earned regardless of the certification decision. In case the application would be abandoned under investigation, only the costs of prosecution of the application and provision of any documentation ASEFA, will be due.

The expenses described above are charged to the applicant / recipient. Regarding payment terms, the general terms for ASEFA services apply, unless stated otherwise in the tender.

The financial conditions are related to each of the relevant certification operations as listed hereafter.

7.1 ASEFA certifications (type 5)

7.1.1 Admission fees

They include:

- The processing of the application,
- Where applicable, the evaluation cost done by ASEFA or under the control of ASEFA,
- The establishment of the Certificates(s),
- Participation in the running costs of the E.V. READY activities of ASEFA.

7.1.2 Yearly follow-up fees

They include:

- The processing of the follow-up,
- Where applicable, the evaluation cost done by ASEFA or under the control of ASEFA,
- The establishment of the decision document(s),
- Participation in the running costs of the E.V. READY activities of ASEFA.

Note: Any supplementary factory audits deemed necessary are separately invoiced to the Certificate Holder. Refusal to be submitted to such supplementary audits may result in withdrawal of the relevant certificate(s).

7.1.3 Fees for extension or modification of Listed Products

They include:

- The processing of the application,
- Where applicable, the evaluation cost done by ASEFA or under the control of ASEFA,
- The establishment of the amended Certificate(s),
- Participation in the running costs of the E.V. READY activities of ASEFA.

7.2 Installer Authorization

7.2.1 Admission fees

They include:

- The processing of the application,
- Where applicable, the evaluation cost done by ASEFA or under the control of ASEFA,
- The establishment of the Authorization(s),
- Participation in the running costs of the E.V. READY activities of ASEFA.

7.2.2 Follow-up fees

They include:

- The processing of the follow-up,
- Where applicable, the evaluation cost done by ASEFA or under the control of ASEFA,
- The establishment of the decision document(s),
- Participation in the running costs of the E.V. READY activities of ASEFA.

Note: Any supplementary audits or installation inspection deemed necessary are separately invoiced to the certificate Holder. Refusal to be submitted to such supplementary audits may result in withdrawal of the relevant certificate(s).

7.2.3 Fees for extension of an Installer Authorization

They include:

- The processing of the application,
- Where applicable, the evaluation cost done by ASEFA or under the control of ASEFA,
- The establishment of the amended Authorization(s),
- Participation in the running costs of the E.V. READY activities of ASEFA.

7.3 Beneficiary

7.3.1 Admission fees

They include:

- The processing of the application,
- Where applicable, the evaluation cost done by ASEFA or under the control of ASEFA,
- The establishment of the EV READY License(s),
- Participation in the running costs of the E.V. READY activities of ASEFA.

7.3.2 follow-up fees

They include:

- The processing of the follow-up,
- Where applicable, the evaluation cost done by ASEFA or under the control of ASEFA,
- The establishment of the decision document(s),
- Participation in the running costs of the E.V. READY activities of ASEFA.

7.3.3 Fees for extension of a EV READY License

They include:

- The processing of the application,
- Where applicable, the evaluation cost done by ASEFA or under the control of ASEFA,
- The establishment of the amended License(s),
- Participation in the running costs of the E.V. READY activities of ASEFA.

8 DISPUTING A DECISION – BOARDS OF APPEAL

8.1 Appeals relating to an ASEFA Certificate

An applicant to an ASEFA Certificate (type 5 or Installer) or a Holder may appeal a Certification decision. A Certification Officer reviews the arguments provided in written with the appeal. If the Certification Officer maintains its decision despite arguments, the appeal request must be sent to the E.V. READY Mark Committee, by registered letter. The E.V. READY Mark Committee constitutes the ultimate Appeal Board.

The appeal does not suspend the initial ASEFA decision.

The decision of the Board of Appeal, whatever, applies equally to all the parties (Certification, Applicant/Holder). The response time is 2 weeks, maximum, from official receipt of the request letter, except from July 1 to August 31 where the response time will be thirty working days).

8.2 Appeals relating to an E.V. READY License

An applicant to an E.V. READY License or a Beneficiary may appeal a Certification decision. A Certification Officer reviews the arguments provided in written with the appeal. If the Certification Officer maintains its decision despite arguments, the applicant to License or a Beneficiary may then appeal to the E.V. READY Mark Committee, by registered letter. The E.V. READY Mark Committee constitutes the ultimate Appeal Board.

- The appeal does not suspend the initial ASEFA decision.
- The decision of the Board of Appeal, whatever, applies equally to all the parties (Certification, Applicant/Holder). The response time is 2 weeks, maximum, from official receipt of the request letter, except from July 1 to August 31 where the response time will be thirty working days).

8.3 Experts designation

Experts can be called by the E.V. READY Mark Committee to analyze particular points of the Appeal. An expert cannot be a Member of a College.

He/she is selected for his/her competency after positive advice of the majority of the Members of the Committee that are present and according to a process decided by the Committee.

9 APPROVAL – REVIEW OF THE PRESENT RULES

Any changes to these Certification Rules are proposed to the representatives of the Members of the E.V. READY domain of the ASEFA Steering Committee. The latter decides on their relevance and implementation.

Anyway, in light of the experience gained on a daily basis, ASEFA may forward to the E.V. READY Mark Committee possible modification to the Technical Reference Document.

It is the responsibility of the Chairman of ASEFA, before approving any new Edition of the Certification Rules, to ensure that any proposed modification does maintain the full independence of judgment of ASEFA as Third Party Certification Body and does not challenge, also, its ISO 17065 accreditation.

It is the duty of ASEFA as Certification Body to inform, in due time, Beneficiaries and Certificate Holders and all Approved Laboratories of the new version of the Rules.

The Chairman of ASEFA is also in charge to make them public.

This Edition B of the Certification Rules has been approved by the Chairman of ASEFA

Signature of the Chairman (On Original only)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' and 'E' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Marie-Elisabeth d'ORNANO