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Part 1: Product Certification Program— Basic rules and procedures



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PREFACE

This Publication was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand P-008, Ex Mark Management Committee to supersede (in part) MP 87:2004, *Australian/New Zealand Certification Scheme for explosion-protected electrical equipment (ANZEx Scheme)—Basic rules and procedures*.

This Publication sets out the basic rules and procedures for the *Product Certification Program* under the *Australian/New Zealand Certification Scheme for explosion-protected electrical equipment*, known as the 'ANZEx Scheme'.

The aim of the Product Certification Program is to facilitate trade for Australia and New Zealand in electrical equipment intended for use in explosive atmospheres (Ex equipment).

Relevant changes introduced by this publication to the previous MP 87:2004 include:

- (a) Revised for close alignment with the equivalent Program of the IECEx Scheme.
- (b) Definition 1.3.5, *Applicant*, was added.
- (c) Definition of *Certificate holder* became current definition 1.3.13 for *Manufacturer*.
- (d) Clause 3.4.1.2 about ongoing surveillance was adjusted.
- (e) Annex B was reviewed/updated.
- (f) Annex C became normative and was modified.
- (g) Annexes D, E and F were reviewed/updated. Annex E and F reproduce information from IECEx 0D005.

The Product Certification Program was developed to be consistent with the Equipment Certification Program of the IECEx Scheme (www.iecex.com) and to include the requirement for manufacturers to have a satisfactory Quality Management System with ongoing surveillance.

This addition aligns the Australian/New Zealand Ex certification with the International ISO Type 5 Certification System (sometimes referred to as Full Certification) based on the ISO/IEC Conformity Assessment Committee (CASCO) System 5 specification.

The Product Certification Program also makes provision for an ISO Type 1 (Type test) Scheme to cover 'one off' situations, which may lead to the issue of a 'Restricted Type Test Certificate'.

Background information relating to the ANZEx Scheme is contained in Annex A and the 'Introduction' in Section 1 provides an overview of the ANZEx Scheme.

The ANZEx Scheme provides for a database with internet access from the Scheme website www.anzex.com.au and provides industry with a ready reference list of the certificates issued. The information on the database is updated on a regular basis.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' are used to define the application of the Annex to which they apply. A normative Annex is an integral part of the document, whereas an informative Annex is only for information and guidance.

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The Product Certification Program provides the means for manufacturers of Ex equipment to demonstrate compliance with the applicable Standard(s) through the ANZEx Certificate of Conformity, which will be accepted at national level in both countries. An application for an ANZEx Certificate of Conformity may be made by an applicant to any ANZEx CB for the relevant Standard or Standards.

The Product Certification Program permits the use of the Certificate Number and Prefix on product listed in the respective Certificate of Conformity, and thus provides distinctive third party evidence to confirm a manufacturer's claimed compliance to the relevant Standards and that it was manufactured under the ANZEx Quality Management System Requirements. All applications for certification under this ANZEx Scheme, will be subject to the requirements detailed throughout this document. Applications for amendments to certificates for non-expired AUS Ex Certificates are exempt, since such Certificates were issued under the previous phase of the ANZEx Scheme and have a 10-year life from issue date (See Clause 3.2 for further details).

The Product Certification Program is overseen by the Joint Standards Australian/Standards New Zealand Policy Committee P-008; the Committee has delegated administration of the Program to an Administering Body (currently Compliance Resource Associations International-CRA.i).

The Product Certification Program (www.anzex.com.au) is recognized throughout Australia and New Zealand by electrical and mining regulatory bodies, as well as the Insurance Council of Australia, for demonstrating compliance with Standards.

1.2 Reference documents

The list of documents referred to in this Publication is as follows:

AS 60529	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)
AS/NZS 60079 60079.0	Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres Part 0: General requirements
AS/NZS ISO 9000:2006	Quality management systems—Fundamentals and vocabulary
9001:2000	Quality management systems—Requirements
9004:2000	Quality management systems—Guidelines for performance improvements
10005:2006	Quality management systems—Guidelines for quality plans

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