

# USE AND SCOPE OF CE MARKING OF TRAFFIC SIGNING AND SIGNALLING PRODUCTS



## Introduction

To ensure traffic signage and control equipment meets a minimum performance, harmonised standards are used throughout the Europe. Products complying with the appropriate standard shall exhibit a CE mark and clearly state the directive and standard that are applicable.

Members of ARTSM manufacture bollards & illuminated signs, fixed signs, variable message signs and traffic control equipment. As such one or more of European standards EN12368, EN12675, EN12899 & EN12966 apply to most of the products produced by ARTSM members and used by member's customers.

These standards often contain a range of performance options according to the type of use, range of vehicle speeds or other factors.

The performance options used in the UK are identified in the UK Statutory Instrument "The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016", this came into force 22/04/2016. That is, **these are the legal requirements for use of the equipment in the UK.**

The above specifications require Initial Type test Certification through an accredited body. EN12368, EN12899 and EN12966 require for independent annual certification of production also through an accredited body. Evidence of such type testing and annual certification having been performed can be provided by manufacturers.

## Association Members

Members exporting to other EU countries need to be aware of the national requirements in those countries as they may differ from the UK requirements.

Manufacturers and users should also be aware that each of these high level standards calls up other standards, for example to address system safety, operating voltage, environmental performance, EMC performance, materials specifications, etc.

Certain of these norms place requirements on manufacturers not only for the performance of their products, but also for the continuous affirmation that their manufacturing processes can continue to deliver products that meet the norms.

Certain characteristics of some equipment are very specific to the UK. While no European functional specification may exist for this equipment note that there are UK specific product specifications held by TOPAS typically relating to traffic control equipment and VMS equipment and such equipment must still comply with the generic requirements for traffic control and signing equipment.

Each ARTSM working group has members who are well versed in the applicable norms and also in the National Annexes of these norms as provide in TSRGD and any addenda thereto.

Please consult your WG chair who can access appropriate specification to assist in resolving question around CE marking.

## Users

Users are responsible for the equipment that they deploy on the public road. All users should satisfy themselves that all equipment they use is appropriately CE marked and complies with the prevailing specifications.

In the event of any doubt please approach your supplier requesting copies of their certification.

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