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## INDIVIDUAL STANDARDIZING AND CERTIFYING BODIES

Note by the Secretariat

Corrigendum

The section on Norway appearing on pages 46 and 47 of TBT/W/44 should be replaced by the following:

Country: Norway.

1. Name: Norges Elektriske Materiellkontroll, NEMKO - Norwegian Board for Testing and Approval of Electrical Equipment.
2. Date established: 1933.
3. Membership: The NEMKO members are:
  - Elektroforeningen - Association of Electrical Wholesalers and Agents;
  - Elektroinstallatørenes Landsforbund (EIL) - Association of Electrical Contractors;
  - Forbruker- og administrasjonsdepartementet - Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Government Administration;
  - Landsforeningen for Elektroteknisk Industri (LEI) - Association of Norwegian Electrical Industries;
  - Norges vassdrags- og elektrisitetsvesen (NVE) - Norwegian Water Resources and Electricity Board;
  - Norsk Brannvern Forening - Norwegian Association of Fire Prevention;
  - Norsk Elektriker- og Kraftstasjonsforbund (NEKF) - Norwegian Union of Electricians and Power Station Workers;
  - Norske Elektrisitetsverkere Forening (NEVF) - Association of Norwegian Electricity Supply Undertakings;
  - Norske Elektroleverandørers Landsforbund (NEL) - Association of Norwegian Producers and Importers of Electric Household Equipment;
  - Teledirektoratet - The Norwegian Telecommunications Administration.

#### 4. Organization structure and management:

NEMKO is organized as a private institution and works on the basis of an agreement with the governmental authorities i.e. the Norwegian Water Resources and Electricity Board (NVE). NEMKO's administrative management consists of a council and a board, with a Managing Director as the day-to-day organizer..

The decision whether approval shall be granted or not is taken by an independent Approval Board which has the following seven members, appointed by the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy:

Norges vassdrags- og elektrisitetsvesen (NVE) - Norwegian Water Resources and Electricity Board;  
 Norske Elektrisitetsverkere Forening (NEVF) - Association of Norwegian Electricity Supply Undertakings;

Landsforeningen for Elektroteknisk Industri (LEI) - Association of Norwegian Electrical Industries;  
 Elektroforeningen - Association of Electrical Wholesalers and Agents;

Norsk Elektriker- og Kraftstasjonsforbund (NEKF) - Norwegian Union of Electricians and Power Station Workers;

Elektroinstallatørenes Landsforbund (EIL) - Association of Electrical Contractors;

Norges Elektriske Materiellekontroll (NEMKO) - Norwegian Board for Testing and Approval of Electrical Equipment.

Equipment liable to control and for which approval is mandatory, must be tested in accordance with specifications approved by the authorities.

The procedure is given in detail in two separate publications: "Guide for Applicants" and "Handling of Applications".

5. Financing: From fees on sale of approved equipment and testing fees.

#### 6. Activities:

- Testing and approval of electrical equipment
- Surveillance testing of samples taken from the market
- Consultative assistance to manufacturers
- Writing and publishing of test specifications
- Member of the International Commission for Conformity Certification of Electrical Equipment, CEE
- NEMKO's representatives take part in the work of Technical Committees and sub-committees of the International Electrotechnical Commission, IEC and of the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization, CENELEC, through Norwegian Electrotechnical Committee (NEK):..

7. Fields of standardization:

Specifications for electrical equipment subject to compulsory control by NEMKO, comprising about 160 different specifications.

Number of specifications drafted and adopted in 1981: 15.

8. Fields of certification:

In general electrical equipment for domestic use, but in some cases also other equipment as electro-medical equipment, some accessories for use in industrial plants etc.

9. Status of publications:

Compulsory test specifications approved by the governmental authorities i.e. the Norwegian Water Resources and Electricity Board (NVE).

Other brochures "List of specifications for electrical equipment" together with "Equipment subject to control" covers the subject in detail.