

**Peer Assessment Scheme**

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The establishment of a standing coordination function Peer Assessment Officer (PAO), assisted by the Peer Assessment Advisory Group (PAAG<sup>1</sup>), contributes to a more professional assessment approach as regards planning, composition of assessment teams and evaluation of reports, as well as to the further development of the peer assessment scheme. Moreover, for the different Certification Schemes, this makes the handling of peer assessment issues more efficient and less time consuming.

The following table gives the rules of the peer assessment scheme common for all the Certification Schemes managed by or associated for this purpose with the ECS (European Certification System) for European certification of electrical products.

What	Who	When	Report to PAO
Initial assessment or Relocation assessment	Peer assessment team <sup>2</sup>	Initial	Yes
Special internal audits (on issued NTRs and/or issued ENEC, HAR, CCA-EMC and Keymark licences)	Internal auditor(s)	See OD ECS 080	No, see PD ECS 050 Art. 4.8.2
Follow up assessment	Peer assessment team	On demand basis	Yes
Scope extension assessment	Peer assessment team	On demand basis	Yes
Reassessment	Peer assessment team <sup>3</sup>	Every 3 years (accredited or not)	Yes

<sup>1</sup>) The Peer Assessment Advisory Group is composed of three to five Advisors; the PAO acts as its Convenor.

<sup>2</sup>) The team for the initial assessment shall have a minimum of two members, representing as far as applicable the following competences:

- General quality assurance/management
- Relevant testing standards
- Factory inspection/auditing
- Rules, procedures and practices of the Certification Schemes

The need for more members will depend on the number of product standards covered by the application.

<sup>3</sup>) The team for reassessment shall have normally a minimum of two members representing the same competences as for the initial assessment.