

# Notified Body Transfer

## F.A.O Worldwide Customers



4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

As you may be aware, the UK government planned for the UK to leave the EU last week, deal or no-deal. With an extension now in place until January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, Brexit, and in particular a 'no-deal' Brexit, is postponed.

Having great relationships with our customers in Europe, 40% of our sales heading to the EU, and with many more users of our equipment worldwide relying on EN standards and CE certification, not planning and preparing for the 'no-deal' scenario was not an option.

If a 'no-deal Brexit' on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 had become a reality, newly manufactured PPE with CE certificates issued by a UK notified body would no longer be valid in the EU as of the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. Any PPE manufactured from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 would need to be certified via an EU notified body. At this point, it is worth reassuring everyone that all CE 0120 marked PPE already in the supply chain is unaffected, so as far as CE certification is concerned, all items in our warehouse and in your stores remain legal and certified for sale/continued usage.

DMM has been working hard to take all necessary steps to ensure ongoing supply of our equipment to all markets, maintain all necessary certification, and fulfil our legal obligations no matter where the UK ends up on Brexit.

By the time you read this letter, we will have transferred all our CE certificates from SGS United Kingdom Ltd (notified body number 0120) to SGS Fimko Ltd. Finland (notified body number 0598). For us to make this transition we have:

- › Changed all product markings from CE 0120 to CE 0598. You'll notice the changed markings on our PPE products. The biggest change is on our signature hot forging tools. Traditionally we engraved the CE 0120 markings within our forge tools. We have had to laser weld, re-finish and hand polish each of our forge tools to remove the CE 0120. The new CE 0598 markings will now be laser marked on the products. For items laser marked as standard, we've modified the laser marking programmes. You'll also see a change on the labels in our range of made in Llanberis slings, lanyards and harnesses.



› Hot forged CE 0120 marking



› New lasered CE 0598 marking

- › Updated and re-printed all user instructions to accurately reflect the changes in certification, markings, and to provide details of DMM Europe.
- › Updated and re-issued all Declarations of Conformity
- › Set up a new company, DMM Europe B.V, in Holland.

By completing these actions we've prepared our products and our company for potential Brexit outcomes, with the only noticeable change for our customers being the updates to product markings & supporting documentation. Undoubtedly, this preparation has disrupted aspects of our production & global supply. If this has affected you then please accept our sincere apologies.

With the tooling modifications now completed, certification transferred, our investment in new machinery and increased production capacity coming online, and a more effective forecasting and production planning system in place, we are all set for a productive and positive 2020.

Thanks for your continued support

David Noddings  
Technical Director

# FAQs

**Q:** *Is my CE 0120 stock certified to sell/use?*

**A:** Yes. Goods that are already in the supply chain are unaffected.

**Q:** *Are CE 0120 products that are in service still certified?*

**A:** Yes. This only affects new production after the notified body transfer

**Q:** *What is a 'Notified Body'*

**A:** A 3<sup>rd</sup> party organisation that assesses the safety & conformity of products and issues the relevant CE certificates.

**Q:** *On which products will the number change?*

**A:** All PPE hardware, metalwork, slings, lanyards and certain harnesses certified with a UK notified body. Other harnesses and our ropes & helmets certified by an EU notified body will remain the same.

**Q:** *Will both CE 0120 and CE 0598 products be included in future deliveries?*

**A:** Yes. As we transition, both 0120 and 0598 goods will be shipped from DMM.

**Q:** *Why have you taken these steps now, even with an extension in place?*

**A:** Due to the complexity of manufacture and the lead times on marked components such as labels, Walnut markings, printing user instructions, we had to commit & prepare for a potential no deal on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

**Q:** *What is DMM Europe B.V. in Holland?*

**A:** It is an EU company that we have set up to enable us to react to potential Brexit outcomes.

**Q:** *Are there any changes to Invoicing/Processing/Payment/Shipping?*

**A:** No. Business continues as usual. Depending on what shape Brexit may take, there may be changes required in 2020, but we will give you all plenty of notice in further DMM communications.

If you have any further questions relating to this topic, please get in touch via your usual DMM contact.