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Dear Mr Blandon,

### **Re: Recognition of equivalence of UKAS and RvA Accreditation**

Article 4(1) of [European Regulation \(EC\) 765/08](#) requires each Member State to appoint a single National Accreditation Body to undertake accreditation as defined in the Regulation in that Member State. UKAS has been formally appointed as the sole National Accreditation Body for the United Kingdom in accordance with (EC) 765/08 by means of Statutory Instrument 2009 No. 3155 '[The Accreditation Regulations 2009](#)', and operates under a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).

UKAS is a signatory to the following European and International agreements;

- European cooperation for Accreditation Multilateral Agreement (**EA MLA**)
- International Accreditation Forum Multilateral Recognition Agreement (**IAF MLA**)

The Dutch Accreditation Council/Raad Voor Accreditatie (RvA) is the National Accreditation Body for The Netherlands, and is also a signatory to the EA MLA (<http://www.european-accreditation.org/mla-and-bla-signatories#2>) and IAF MLA ([http://www.iaf.nu/articles/IAF\\_MEMBERS\\_SIGNATORIES/4](http://www.iaf.nu/articles/IAF_MEMBERS_SIGNATORIES/4)) for the scope of ISO/IEC Guide 65 Product Certification (also known as EN45011:1998).

Signatories of these agreements recognise and accept the *equivalence* of the accreditation systems operated by the signing members, and also the reliability of the conformity assessment results provided by conformity assessment bodies accredited by the signing members. Therefore, RvA and UKAS accreditation for ISO/IEC Guide 65 Product Certification can be considered to provide equivalent confidence in results produced within the applicable accreditation scopes (*as made publically available for accredited organisations on [www.ukas.com](http://www.ukas.com) or [www.rva.nl](http://www.rva.nl) websites*).

On the basis of the above UKAS would recognise the certificate you have provided (issued by KIWA in the Netherlands, and bearing the symbol of RvA), as equivalent to

one issued by a UKAS accredited product certification body, for the same product standard.

I hope this is sufficient information for your needs, but please contact me if you need anything further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Burton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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