

**Note for the attention of manufacturer notified by Ineris according to
Annexes IV and VII of ATEX Directive 2014/34/EU and
IECEX 02 Rules**

Verneuil-en-Halatte, 24 February 2023

Dear Sir, dear Madam,

The new version of the procedure for certification audits (PR-0981 AL) has been implemented on 24/02/2023.

The changes made concern the audit periodicity and the audit duration. This new version has no impact on the audits planned according to our 2023 audit program. Ineris has planned a **transitional period until 31 December 2023.**

The 2024 audits program will consider this new version as follows:

The validity of the notification is still 36 months.

The renewal audit will be performed 3 months (± 1 month) before the end of the notification.

The frequency of follow-up audits is 18 months (0/-1 month) when the following criteria are met. otherwise, the frequency of follow-up audits is 12 months (0/-1 month).

The criteria for moving to 18 months are as follows:

- manufacturing site is ISO 9001 certified and
- manufacturer is notified for at least one cycle.

Note 1: the transition to 18 months can only be effective in the next complete cycle, starting with a renewal

Note 2: Regarding UKCA scheme, an additional half-day examination is planned (on-site or off-site)

18 months cycle:

Scheme	ATEX/UKEx	ATEX/UKEx/IECEX	ATEX/UKEx	ATEX/UKEx/IECEX
Number of products	Surveillance		Renewal	
1-9	1.5 days	1.5 days	1.5 days	1.5 days
Higher than 9	2 days	2 days	2 days	2 days

12 months cycle:

Scheme	ATEX/UKEx	ATEX/UKEx/IECEX	ATEX/UKEx	ATEX/UKEx/IECEX
Number of products	Initial		Surveillance 1	
1-9	1.5 days	2 days	1 day	1 day
Higher than 9	2 days	2 days	1.5 days	1.5 days
Number of products	Surveillance 2		Renewal	
1-9	1 day	1 day	1 day	1 day
Higher than 9	1.5 days	1.5 days	1.5 days	1.5 days

Please note that the duration of the audits will be communicated to you when the 2024 quotation will be sent.

The certification team remains at your disposal for any question (ExQA@ineris.fr).

With my best regards,

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